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# Eberle signs for \$36M

**Staying power.** One-two punch of Hall and Eberle committed for 7 and 6 years respectively

Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall will continue to be the cornerstones of the Edmonton Oilers.

Eberle agreed to a six-year, \$36-million US contract extension with Edmonton on Thursday. The move comes just over a week after Hall, Eberle's roommate, signed a seven-year, \$42-million extension with the Oilers.

"Obviously me and Taylor want to be a part of this team for a while," Eberle said during a conference call. "That's why we signed this way. I think it signifies the young core of the group wanted to be here."

The five-foot-11, 184-pound Eberle was taken in the first round, 22nd overall, by Ed-

monton in the 2008 NHL entry draft.

Eberle said both he and Hall spoke often during their respective contract negotiations and it was important to the two stars that they sign deals worth the same on an annual basis.

"I think it kind of signifies, like I said before, that we both want to be here for a significant amount of time," he said. "We see the direction the team is going and that's in a forward direction."

"I think this year is definitely going to be a big year for us as far as developing our name as a team. Our success in the past couple of years hasn't been nearly where we want it to be and next year is going to be a huge stepping stone for us."

But Eberle said with both he and Hall committing long-term to the Oilers, hopefully other players will follow suit and come to Edmonton.

However, Eberle admits the magnitude of his extension will put added pressure on him.

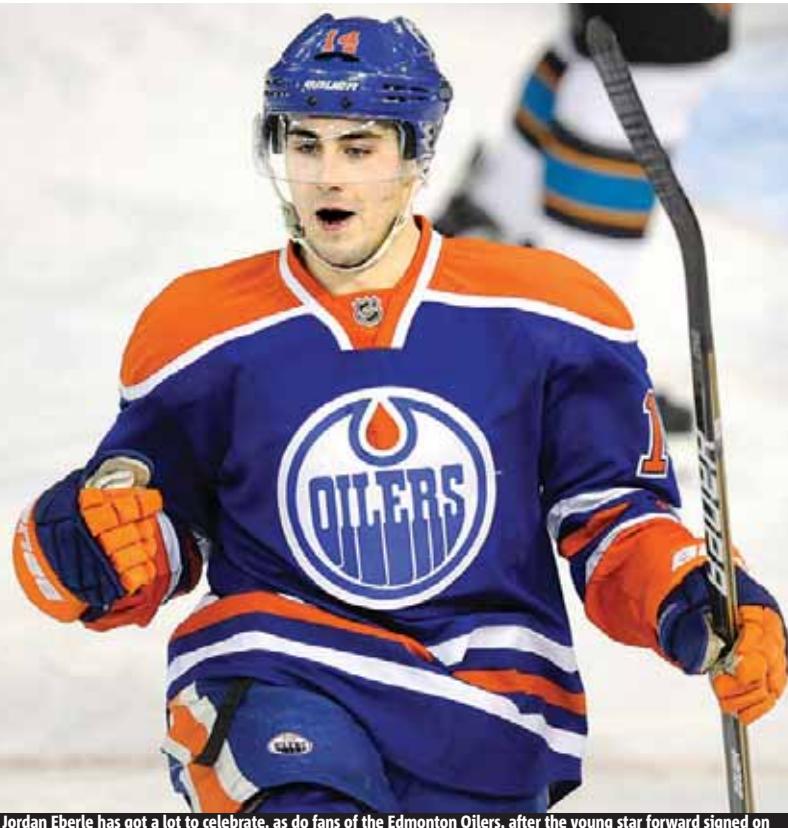
"Obviously there's a lot of pressure that goes along with this but at the same time I'm going to go out there and do the exact same thing," he said. "I've had a huge summer in training, maybe the best I've had in a long time."

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## Stats

Eberle scored 34 goals and picked up 42 assists in 78 games last season.

- He will be paid \$36 million US over the next six years.



Jordan Eberle has got a lot to celebrate, as do fans of the Edmonton Oilers, after the young star forward signed on for the next six years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## 5-year-old in need of help

Albertans flood donor website after hearing about St. Albert girl diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia PAGE 6

## Labour Day

Metro will not be publishing on Monday. Look for us again on Tuesday

## Republicans revved up

At convention, Mitt Romney says Obama has failed to keep his promises PAGE 12

## Pique their taste buds with pelau

This one-pot chicken-and-rice dish will transport you and your guests to Trinidad PAGE 12



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Finance Minister Doug Horner says the financial picture is bleak for the province in the volatile global marketplace, with a projected deficit ballooning to as much as \$3 billion. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Provincial deficit could reach \$3 billion: Horner

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**Slumping resource revenue.** Finance minister warns of belt-tightening

Falling oil revenues and a volatile global marketplace are hammering Alberta's bottom line and could leave taxpayers with a deficit as large as \$3 billion this year, Finance Minister Doug Horner said Thursday.

Horner said financial crises in Europe, economic uncertainty in the United States, political upheaval in the Middle East and record growth in

China make it difficult to peg where world oil prices will go. "All of these things are, frankly, beyond our control, but they affect Alberta and they affect our bottom line," he said.

The government won't incur any long-term debt as the shortfall will be covered by the \$6.3-billion Sustainability Fund.

Horner reported that overall revenue fell by \$400 million in the first three months of the fiscal year because of lower oil and bitumen royalties. Expenses rose by \$5 million due to disaster funding.

He said the government is taking action to ensure it meets Redford's promise of balancing

the budget by 2014.

Opposition critics had dismissed the budget as a bag of pre-election goodies, based on unattainable oil forecasts, that would be clawed back after the election. On Thursday, Wildrose critic Kerry Towle said the critics had been proved correct.

"This government has no plan, has no idea where they're going to cut and they're just doing it arbitrarily," Towle said.

NDP critic Dave Eggen said it's hard to fathom how a province leading the nation in economic growth, with a rising population, the lowest unemployment rate and oil in the \$90-a-barrel range can't balance

## Crude math

- The original projected deficit in the 2012-13 budget was \$886 million, but that may end up being between \$2.3 billion and \$3 billion, Horner said.
- Horner noted oil has recently fluctuated between about \$109 US and \$77 a barrel and currently sits at about \$95.

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Go, Oaks, go!

There's now an app for Alberta college sports

NAIT has launched a free app dedicated to Oaks sports, the first app dedicated to college athletics in Alberta.

The app will deliver Oak results, team schedules, game-day reminders and fan rewards straight to iPhone or Android phones.

"NAIT is fielding some very competitive teams this season, and we want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to follow their progress and get to the games," Jordan Richie, marketing and communications officer with NAIT Athletics and Recreation, said in a statement on Thursday.

The app was first launched in April.

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Fort Macleod

Province in talks over cancelled police college

It appears the province will pay a financial price for cancelling the long-promised police-training college in Fort Macleod.

Alberta Infrastructure says it will speak to the town and the company awarded the construction contract for the \$122-million project about covering some of their costs.

The province has already spent nearly \$2 million on preliminary work on the college that was first announced in 2006 after dozens of rural communities submitted proposals for the project.

That figure does not include the contract awarded to Bird Construction last month, or the up to \$4 million the southern Alberta community says it has spent on service lines to the college building site.

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# Drivers reminded to give emergency responders room

**Safety.** Police officers, Good Samaritans, tow truck drivers have been hit recently

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Motorists are being reminded to slow down when passing by roadside emergency vehicles.

The Edmonton Police Service and Alberta Motor Association banded together to educate drivers prior to the long weekend, setting up Thursday on 91 Street just south of 23 Avenue to pull people over.

The law, in effect since 2005, requires slowing down to 60 km/h. Drivers are also encouraged to move over a lane.

The reminder comes after three EPS officers were struck while conducting traffic investigations in July.

Const. Derek Burns wasn't one of those officers but said he has had plenty of near-misses.

"They come within a couple of feet and I've felt my whole body turn, and almost pulled into the roadway," he said.

AMA's Randy Loyk said motorists need to slow down

## Consequences

- According to EPS Const. Derek Burns, 27 tickets have been handed out so far in 2012 for speeding through an emergency scene, compared with 13 in 2011 and five in 2010.
- Fines for speeding double through an emergency scene.

for tow trucks, as well.

In the last two years there have been two fatalities and one serious injury, said Loyk.

"All it takes is one person to slow down and move over, and everybody will follow," he said.

Overall, motorists should give space to anyone on the side of the road.

In June, Andrew Green was killed on Anthony Henday Drive while helping change a flat tire.

"It's about changing people's attitudes," said Burns. "We all have families we want to go home to."

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EPS Const. Derek Burns measures the speed of vehicles driving north on 91 Street on Thursday. Along the side of the road were numerous police vehicles with flashing lights, as well as a tow truck. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

## Phase 2 of Alberta's impaired driving law in effect this weekend



Members of the Edmonton Police Service, such as Sgt. Gary Lamont in this file photo, along with RCMP will conduct checkstops throughout the September long weekend. METRO FILE

The second phase of Alberta's new Impaired Driving Legislation comes into effect this weekend.

"There's no warning. It starts Sept. 1 and the legislation is in place, and it will be utilized," said RCMP Sgt. Brian Topham, with the Capital West Integrated Traffic Unit.

Those who test over .05 will face a three-day licence suspension and vehicle seizure — instead of the prior 24-hour licence suspension. Second and third offences will result in longer suspensions.

Those changes follow the first phase, which saw indefin-

ite licence suspensions introduced until criminal charges are resolved for those who test over .08.

Topham hopes the more serious repercussions inspire people to think before they drink and drive, because he hasn't seen driver behaviour change much since July 1.

Last Saturday, one of Topham's members caught three impaired drivers in Spruce Grove. Two weeks ago, a joint forced checkstop between the Edmonton Police Service and the Capital East Integrated Traffic Unit caught 19 impaired drivers near the

Beverly bridge.

"Despite everyone's best efforts ... you still have that really hardcore group of people that just don't seem to get it," said Topham.

Since Jan. 1, Topham's unit, which covers highways west of Edmonton, has arrested and charged 114 impaired drivers. About the same number of 24-hour suspensions were also handed out, he added.

EPS Const. Ian Brooks also noted the lack of improvement in driver behaviour, but noted any change will likely be noticed over the long term.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

## Long weekend safety

- The September long weekend is traditionally one of the busiest on Alberta's highways, and both RCMP and EPS will focus on impaired driving, speeding, seat belt use and distracted driving.
- STARS is also usually busy this weekend, and issued a plea for Albertans to be safe in vehicles, boats and on ATVs.

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# Albertans flood to bone marrow donor website to help sick girl

## Halle Popowich.

Registry now hopes more ideal donors will step forward

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Albertans have flooded to a donor website after learning about a five-year old St. Albert girl in desper-

ate need of a bone marrow transplant.

Halle Popowich needs a bone marrow transplant to improve her chances of survival from acute myeloid leukemia, a rare cancer.

Since her story went public, 600 Albertans have signed up to onematch.ca for testing, compared to 50 in a normal three days. Unfortunately, most of those who signed up are outside the ideal demographics.

"Our ideal donor or 'optimal donor' as we like to call it are young males who are between 17 and 35, in good health and are ideally ethnically diverse," said Cassandra DeLuca, with One Match.

She said only about 10 per cent of the 600 have been ideal donors. While they appreciate all those interested, they are now hoping more young men will come forward.

She said people outside

## A call to donors

- 1,747 people in Alberta were diagnosed with blood cancers last year, 605 of which died.
- Ideal donors are male, between 17 and 35 from an ethnically diverse background.
- Donating involves either a four-to six-hour procedure similar to giving blood or minor surgery where cells are taken from the hip bone.

that demographic could help in other ways, by giving blood or donating financially.

Halle's parents were unavailable Monday, but Katie

Suvanto with the Leukemia and Lymphoma society said the cancer is life threatening and she needs a match.

Suvanto said that without a match, Popowich has a five to 20 per cent survival rate, but a transplant will increase that to 50 per cent.

The society is hosting an event at 5:30 p.m. on the NewCap stage at West Edmonton Mall with information about donating and an upcoming fundraiser.



## Sentimental Journey touches down to commemorate 70th anniversary

Sentimental Journey, a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Bomber, lands at the Edmonton City Centre Airport Thursday to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Northwest Staging Route. The route was a series of airstrips placed every 160 kilometres between Alaska and Edmonton to help ferry supplies and planes to Alaska and Russia during the Second World War. For more photos and a story, go to metronews.ca. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

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The Alberta Legislature begins its second century on Sunday with celebrations that will include a speech by Premier Alison Redford. METRO FILE

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**Alberta Legislative building.** Festivities will mark the start of the architectural jewel's second century

It opened up the same year the Titanic went down and the builders forgot to put a lock on the front door.

Nevertheless, the Alberta Legislature has endured for 100 years, its sandstone and granite face and signature

terra cotta dome the undisputed historical and architectural jewel of the province.

This weekend, it begins its second century of service with festivities on Sunday that include a speech by Premier Alison Redford and a re-creation of the Sept. 3, 1912 ceremony that officially opened its doors.

The budget was \$1.25 million. It came in at \$2.4 million, due to the extra costs of hauling in marble and sandstone from Ohio and Calgary.

It was supposed to be done by 1912. But some of the terra cotta tiles weren't completed

until 1913, months after the official opening. When it was done, there soon wasn't room for everybody.

"They discovered in 1914 they didn't have enough room to house all the civil servants in the building and they had to expand elsewhere," said Philip Massolin, a historian and manager of research services for the legislative assembly.

It's been home to four governors and 13 premiers.

There has also been conflict, such as in 1935 when Speaker Oran McPherson got

into a heated argument at the top of the grand staircase with Charles Campbell, publisher of the Edmonton Bulletin newspaper.

McPherson accused Campbell of spreading lies about McPherson's divorce. McPherson punched Campbell in the side of the face so hard, Campbell hit a railing and banged his head on a pillar. His sight was temporarily fuzzed out. He didn't press charges.

The focal point is the rotunda and its circular marble fountain. On the fifth floor, a tiny circle on the floor marks

the Magic Spot. It's where the sound of the fountain rising in the rotunda below sweeps up the grand staircase, swirls around the inside of the dome before spilling down the other side. Stand on the Magic Spot and it sounds like the water from below is hitting you from above.

For the romantic, it's the best spot to contemplate the beauty of an august structure. For the cynic, it's the perfect symbol for a place where — for 100 years — down has too often been up.

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## LRT. Cops happy with mock disaster

Emergency officials are pleased with the results of a mock chemical attack on an LRT train last weekend.

The mock attack on Sunday involved more than 60 volunteer passengers, who had to be contained, decontaminated and medically treated. Acting Sgt. Steve Maertens-Poole said police officers controlled the crowd, garnered information about a suspect and passed it up the chain of command all within the time frames set out.

"We had it scripted in that some people in the crowd would try to wander away, would be difficult with the police, and the guys on the perimeter were good at keeping people corralled."

He said the scenario of a criminal attack is good, because it mirrors other potential emergencies. Firefighters also met their targets in the decontamination, he said.

"That was a really big thing for us, to see how that worked and everything else was kind of a bonus."

One area of concern, he said, was communication. Some officers wearing gas masks had difficulty speaking through their bullhorns and the department is now looking at solutions. He said that is the kind of lesson that can only be learned through these mock disasters. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

### Quoted

**"It could be a tanker truck on the Yellowhead or a railway car going off the rails or an industrial fire."**

Acting Sgt. Steve Maertens-Poole, on other potential disaster scenarios.

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## Edmonton Transit buses. GPS roll-out starts in April

Riders on two Edmonton Transit routes will get a little more help finding their destination this spring as the city rolls out on-bus GPS technology, starting April 2013, the city announced Thursday.

As previously reported in Metro, two ETS bus routes — Route 128 and Route 111 — will be featuring GPS technology and automated stop announcements. The city said Thursday that Trapeze Group will be outfitting 45 buses with the technology.

Features include both audio and visual stop announcements on board, real-time scheduling, and digital signs at some bus stops for passengers, as well as automatic vehicle location, com-

### School special

- Route 128 and Route 111 were chosen because they serve the University of Alberta and Grant MacEwan University, respectively.
- ETS plans to do an evaluation six months into the pilot, and then move forward with putting the equipment on the rest of the fleet, pending funding approval.

puter-aided dispatch and other communication tools that will better connect operators with the control centre.

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### Northwestern Alberta

#### Toddler drowns after falling into swimming pool

A two-year-old girl has died after a drowning accident in a small hamlet northwest of Edmonton.

Fort Vermillion RCMP said the toddler was at a home in La Crete Tuesday when she managed to get over a safety gate and fall into a swimming pool during a family function.

The girl was taken to hospital, where she later died. RCMP said foul play is not suspected. METRO

# A most amazing race for Canadian soldiers

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"The elite finish first, in over five hours, but it takes over 10 hours for the last to cross the finish line. It's about personal development and friendly rivalry."

Cpl. Jim Otteson of 1CER

### Quoted

"It's definitely a gut check, but I want the challenge. I plan to keep doing this until my body is broken."

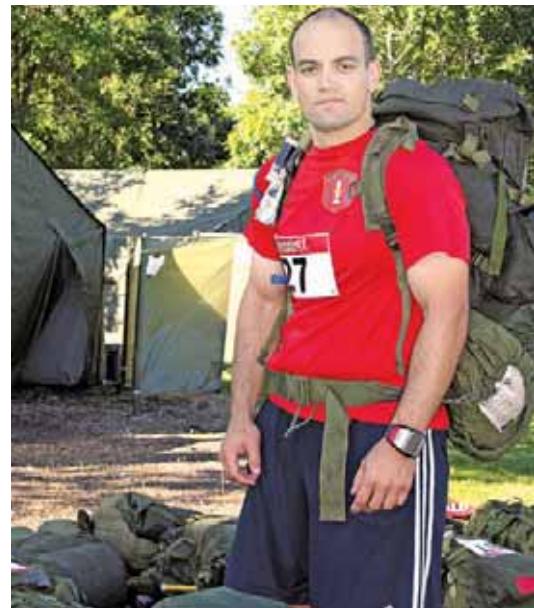
Soldier Jim Otteson, who finished 17th in 5 hours, 40 minutes — a personal best

said, despite running a recent marathon and training in the water, the portage is still a killer.

"You're already burnt out from the run, and now you've got to carry a 70-pound canoe on your head," said the 33 year-old.

This year, 23-year-old Pte. Smith of Lord Strathcona Horse finished first, in four hours, 59 minutes. Bragging rights go to Smith, and to the unit with combined best finish times.

"There's great camaraderie with this," added Otteson. "Our unit won last year — I want that again for the team."



Cpl. Jim Otteson finishes the Mountain Man Challenge 2012. The grueling course includes a 32-km run carrying a heavy rucksack; a 3 km portage carrying a 40-kg canoe; a 10-km paddle along the North Saskatchewan River; and, finally, a 5.6-km run to the finish line. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

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# 'Hope and change had a powerful appeal,' Romney tells convention

**Republican National Convention.** Former governor takes aim at President Obama's record during speech accepting nomination

A portrait of a humane, tender-hearted Mitt Romney emerged on Thursday at the Republican National Convention, even as he urged Americans to punish Barack Obama for his broken promises about a brighter future by voting him out of office this November.

"I accept your nomination for president of the United States," a teary-eyed Romney told cheering delegates, many of whom were long cool towards his candidacy. "I do so with humility, deeply moved by the trust you've placed in me."

Romney took aim at Obama's record, saying Americans deserved better than the president.

"Hope and change had a powerful appeal," Romney said.

"But tonight I'd ask a simple question: If you felt that excitement when you voted for Barack Obama, shouldn't you feel that way now that he's President Obama?"

The prime-time speech was clearly aimed at the disaffected Obama voters tuning into the convention, rather than the thousands of like-minded Republicans gathered in Tampa, as Romney reiterated time and again: Obama is a failure.

"I wish President Obama had succeeded because I want America to succeed," Romney said.

"But his promises gave way to disappointment and division. This isn't something we have to accept. Now is the moment when we can do something, and with your help, we will do something."

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Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, right, and Republican vice-presidential nominee Rep. Paul Ryan laugh with their campaign staff as they gather for a group picture at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Thursday. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Isaac moves on, but thousands left stranded

## Rising floodwaters.

U.S. President Barack Obama declared a federal emergency in two states, freeing up aid for affected areas

Isaac dumped unrelenting rain and flooded areas around New Orleans on Thursday as people who thought they could ride out a lowest-category hurricane faced quickly rising waters.

Hundreds of homes were swamped, about 500 people had to be rescued and half of Louisiana was without power. At least two people were killed.

New Orleans itself was protected by newly fortified flood defences put in place after the devastating Hurricane Katrina seven years ago.

"Hopefully, as far as the



Isaac Fields, left, and Victor Jones use street signs to paddle a boat, Thursday, in LaPlace, La.

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Ponchartrain just north of New Orleans, officials sent scores of vehicles to help evacuate about 3,000 people.

Louisiana officials ordered evacuations downstream along the sparsely populated Tangipahoa River as a dam threatened to fail and send water to neighbouring Mississippi, which had its own flooding. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said officials would release water at the dam.

The floodwaters "were shockingly fast-rising, from what I understand from talking to people," Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne said. "It caught everybody by surprise."

A man was killed Thursday morning when a tree fell on his truck in Mississippi. In Louisiana, a man died after falling from a tree while helping friends move a vehicle ahead of the storm.

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Floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina pour through a levee along Inner Harbor Navigational Canal near downtown New Orleans. A disaster of this magnitude was feared when Isaac made its landfall, but this time the levees held. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Keilani Brown, who is 8 months pregnant, is rescued from her home in the Cambridge Neighborhood on Thursday in LaPlace, La., with help from Walker Russell. ARTHUR LAUCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Cows are stranded in floodwater on Thursday in Plaquemines Parish, La. GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# 'Whore' tweet by Toronto mayor's niece draws outrage

**Sex assaults.** Comment made after police warning about attacks

The niece of Toronto's mayor apologized Thursday for suggesting women can avoid sexual assault by not dressing "like a whore" after the comment brought a public backlash.

Krista Ford, the niece of Mayor Rob Ford and the daughter of Coun. Doug Ford, expressed her regret on Twitter, where she originally made the controversial declaration.

"I didn't mean to cause such an alarm and I apologize if I did. I just want women to be safe," she wrote on the social media site.

Ford, who was captain of Toronto's short-lived lingerie football team, had earlier advised women to "Stay alert, walk tall, carry mace, take self-defence classes & don't dress like a whore."

Her message followed a police warning about recent sexual assaults in the city's west end and sparked online outrage before it was yanked from her Twitter account.

Among her critics was a woman who identified herself as a victim in one of the six sexual assaults that prompted the police alert.

"For the record, I was sexually assaulted while wearing a knee-length polka-dot dress," the woman wrote in an open letter posted on Facebook.

Some questioned the sincerity of Ford's apology, while others defended her against critics who took issue with her own attire.

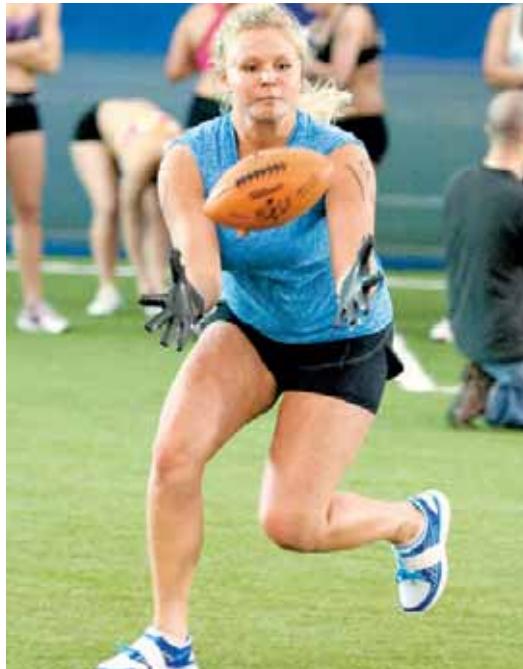
"If your argument against Krista Ford's comments about sexual assault are based on the way she dresses, you're doing it wrong," one tweet read.

Ford's polarizing tweet came more than a year after a Toronto police officer made similar recommendations while speaking to university students about campus safety.

The officer was criticized for his advice that women should avoid dressing "like sluts" to reduce the risk of assault, and later apologized.

His comment became the catalyst for SlutWalk, a series of marches to protest the suggestion that victims are to blame.

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Krista Ford, daughter of Toronto Coun. Doug Ford and niece of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, is seen trying out for the Toronto Triumph, a team in the Lingerie Football League in April 2011. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Open letter to Krista Ford. Assault victim responds

Dear a lot of people, but specifically Ms. Krista Ford,

In advance I'd like to say I am sorry. This is not the ideal situation to first acquaint oneself with someone and I am mortified. Sorry! However, under the circumstance, I feel like you owe me a moment of your time, even though we've never meet.

The circumstance being you called me a whore.

I should clarify. I'm one of the victims of the recent string of sexual assaults in the Annex. 'Sup? It's nice to make your acquaintance.

So, you've called me a whore. Here we are. This is awkward now, isn't it? You're probably wondering if I'm going to challenge you on having been a member of Lingerie League. I'm not, because I'd never slut-shame another woman. I believe you have a right to your body and regardless of how you do or don't dress it I believe you have a right to respect and personal security. I guess that's the key difference in our thinking. You could wear a T-shirt that says "I'm literally asking for it" and I'd still advocate for your security.

That's what I'm asking for this brief moment of your day,

Quoted

"You're probably wondering if I'm going to challenge you on having been a member of Lingerie League. I'm not, because I'd never slut-shame another woman."

Alice Moran, in an open letter on Facebook

for your edification. You're a woman and you should know that your body is yours and yours alone. No matter how you dress it, you have a right — an actual Charter of Rights and Freedom right — to not be sexually assaulted. You are entitled to life, liberty and the security of person. Welcome to Canada — you live here! If you weren't aware of your Charter rights, other Canadian things you may have missed out on are double-doubles, good maple syrup, and Beachcombers, so check that shit out.

For the record, I was sexually assaulted while wearing a knee-length polka-dot dress. The last time I wore that dress, it was to Easter dinner at my Gran's, where I'm fairly certain I could make little to no money whoring.

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# NATO powers ponder no-fly zone for Syria

## Diplomatic impasse.

Britain, France weigh military options while Russia, China continue to back the Assad regime

Britain and France said Thursday they are not ruling out any options in Syria, including a military-enforced no-fly zone to protect a safe area on the ground for thousands of people fleeing the escalating civil war.

Speaking shortly before a United Nations Security Council meeting on the humanitarian plight in Syria, Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague told a news conference that a Turkish proposal for a safe zone requires military intervention, which the deeply divided council is unlikely to endorse at the moment.

The path to agreement over a safe zone is fraught with obstacles. Both Hague and French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius acknowledged that the Security Council is paralyzed on Syria and unable to agree on any action to halt the escalating civil war.

Russia and China, Syria's most important allies, have vetoed three Western-backed resolutions in the Security Council seeking to pressure Assad's government with the threat of sanctions, and are not likely to shift positions in the immediate future.

## Uncertain times

"We do not know how this crisis will develop.... It is steadily getting worse."

Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague speaking to a news conference about the possibility of military intervention in Syria

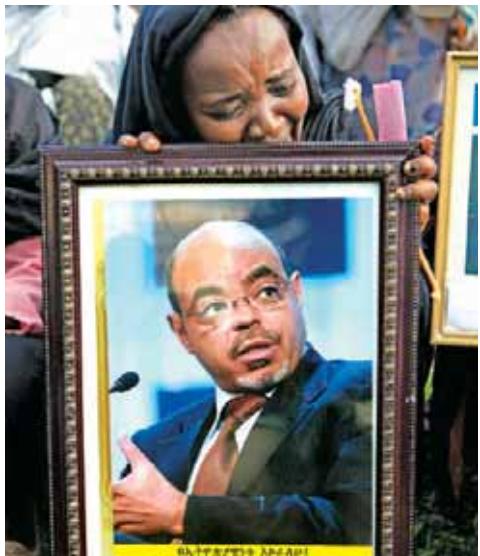
Britain and France are veto-wielding members of the Security Council as well as key NATO members, and Hague was asked whether the options include a NATO-enforced no-fly zone, without Security Council authorization, as happened in Kosovo in 1999.

The British and French ministers said Thursday's meeting was important to spotlight the humanitarian crisis and they urged council members and the broader international community to contribute funds to help Syrian civilians inside and outside the country.

Fabius, whose country holds the council presidency this month, said Britain and France believe Syrian President Bashar Assad and his clan should be held accountable for the crimes committed during the 18-month conflict.

The French minister said the two countries also want to encourage Syrians to defect and Hague urged them to do it sooner rather than later to avoid possible future war crimes prosecution.

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## Anguish in Ethiopia

A woman reacts as she holds a portrait of late Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi during a public memorial for him in Addis Ababa on Thursday. Thousands turned out for the first of three days of planned commemorative ceremonies in tribute to Zenawi, who will be buried on Sept. 2. REBECCA BLACKWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Afghanistan

### Insurgent attack on base backfires

Insurgent rockets killed five Afghan civilians Thursday while they were waiting on the side of a road for a bus in the east of the country, government officials said.

The attack came as Australia announced the deaths of five soldiers — three when an Afghan soldier turned his gun on them inside a base and two from a helicopter crash.

Attacks and firefights have been on the rise in Afghanistan this summer after a calm winter as the Taliban launch strikes against international forces and step up targeted killings.

Insurgents appeared to be aiming at a nearby Afghan army base but instead the rockets missed their target, said the deputy police chief for Logar province.

Raeis Khan Rahimzai says another 10 people were wounded by the barrage in Baraki Barak district.

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## American Taliban

### John Walker Lindh waiting for prison prayer ruling

A judge is now considering whether the rights of American-born Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh are being violated because daily group prayers are banned at the Indiana prison where he's being held.

The government rested its case Thursday after a four-day trial in Indianapolis.

in Lindh's lawsuit. Lindh, who pleaded guilty in 2002 to aiding the former Taliban government in Afghanistan, says the ban violates Muslim inmates' religious rights.

U.S. District Judge Jane Magnus Stinson didn't immediately rule, but gave both sides 75 days to submit final documents in the case.

Lindh says the prison policy violates a 1993 law that bars the government from curtailing religious expression without a compelling interest.

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# Amish bishop accused of forcing women into sex

**Ohio.** Bishop on trial for hate crimes said to have told women sex with him would make them better wives

An Amish bishop accused of orchestrating hair-cutting attacks in Ohio forced women at his settlement to have sex with him so he could turn them into better wives, one of the women testified Thursday.

The woman said what started out as hugs turned into kisses and then sex. She said she resisted at first.

"He would say things like 'I can't understand why you won't obey me, the other ladies can,'" the woman testified. "I always gave up. I was afraid not to."

Prosecutors say the alleged sexual "counselling" of married women shows the control Samuel Mullet Sr. had over followers at the Amish settlement he founded two



Amish women leave court in Cleveland this week. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

decades ago.

The 16 people accused of carrying out the hair-cutting attacks last fall all lived on Mullet's settlement in eastern Ohio near the West Virginia

panhandle.

The government contends that the hair cutting was motivated by a religious dispute between Mullet and other Amish bishops who sought to

limit his authority. Those accused targeted hair because of its spiritual significance. The judge told jurors that Mullet was not charged with sex crimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Wisconsin. Sikh priest still in coma weeks after shootings at temple

A Sikh priest has remained in a coma since the shooting rampage at a Wisconsin temple earlier this month that wounded him and three others and left six victims dead.

In their first public comments since the Aug. 5 attack, Punjab Singh's sons described how they rushed from India to be with their father after the shooting and have spent most of their waking hours at his hospital bedside in Milwaukee.

"It's hard, but we are just trusting in God now," his older son, Raghuvinder Singh, said on Wednesday.

The elder Singh was

### 'Trusting in God now'

Singh was in a bedroom at the temple that morning. When he heard gunfire he tried to barricade himself in the room, but the gunman apparently forced the door open and reached his handgun inside and shot Singh in the face as he hid.

wounded when a gunman with ties to a white-supremacy group opened fire at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin. The gunman killed himself.

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### Another grisly find

## Woman's torso recovered near Rainbow Bridge

Police say the torso of a white, middle-aged woman with a pierced navel and at least one caesarean-section scar has been recovered

from the lower Niagara River in Niagara Falls, Ont., near the Rainbow Bridge.

A passerby spotted the body, without a head or limbs, floating in the river and alerted authorities.

The remains were sent for an autopsy. Police confirm the woman was murdered.

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# Tree houses fit for a wizard get council's OK

**For the kids.** Proposed design includes conical roofs 12 metres high, turreted windows, spiral staircase and trap door



J.K. Rowling: HANDOUT

Despite some complaints from neighbours, the City of Edinburgh Council said Thursday it has approved Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling's application to create two large tree houses in her garden for her children.

The structures, each about 12 metres high, feature tall conical roofs and turreted windows in the style of Hogwarts Castle

cluded are lanterns above the doors, a spiral staircase, balconies, a trap door, and a steel slide.

Several neighbours had written to object, saying the tree-houses may be visible from the road through a gap in the conifers that shield the development and could affect the area's landscape.

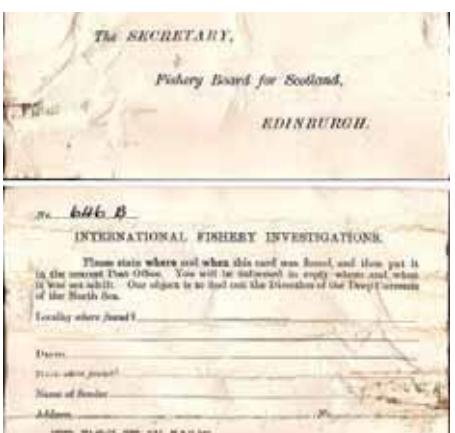
But the council granted Rowling's request, saying the development will not have a negative impact on the conservation area.

Rowling, 47, lives in a 17th-century mansion in an Edinburgh suburb with her husband and three children.

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in the Harry Potter movies.

Artist impressions submitted to the council show that they will be built on wooden stilts and are connected by a rope bridge. Other features in-



## Message tossed out to sea found nearly a century later

A message in a bottle discovered by Scottish fisherman Andrew Leaper set a new world record for the length of time spent at sea — almost 98 years. The bottle was cast into the sea in 1914 as part of a government experiment. HANDOUT/SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

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## Theatre shooting. Prosecutors would need to prove suspect is sane if he pleads insanity

Prosecutors wanting to prove that a gunman methodically carried out last month's Colorado theatre shooting that left 12 people dead and wounded 58 have a difficult task: If James Holmes pleads not guilty by reason of insanity, they must prove he is sane.

A court hearing Thursday will examine his relationship with a University of Colorado psychiatrist to whom he mailed a package containing a notebook that reportedly contains violent descriptions of an attack.

His attorneys say Holmes is mentally ill and that he sought help from psychiatrist Lynne Fenton at the school, where he was a Ph.D. student, until shortly before the July 20 shooting. Pros-

ecutors allege Holmes may have been angry at the failure of a once promising academic career.

Records released Thursday show the director of the University of Iowa graduate program in neuroscience told colleagues in a January 2011 email that they were not to offer admission to Holmes "under any circumstances." A second professor agreed.

The professors did not elaborate on their reasons in the emails.

Unlike most other states where the defence needs to prove insanity, prosecutors in Colorado are the ones who have to show that a defendant is sane — without the ability of having their own experts examine Holmes.

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### Fort Hood shooting

#### Suspect says beard is nod to Muslim faith

The U.S. Army psychiatrist charged in a deadly shooting rampage told a judge Thursday that he grew a beard

because his Muslim faith requires it, not as a show of disrespect.

The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, has threatened to have him forcibly shaved. His lawyers argue that shaving would violate his religious freedoms.

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# Death penalty sought for 3 accused U.S. soldiers

**Soldiers in shackles.** A 4th soldier said couple was led into woods; she was shot before getting out of car, he was forced to kneel, then shot in the head

Georgia prosecutors will seek the death penalty against three army soldiers accused of killing a former serviceman and his girlfriend to protect an anti-government militia group, officials said Thursday during tense court hearings in which one victim's stepfather was tackled and handcuffed as he tried to rush the defence table.

### Reaction

**"I want them gone. I want all of these individuals to disappear ... They took something irreplaceable from me."**

Nicholas Lee York, the slain girl's older brother

Pvt. Isaac Aguigui, Pvt. Christopher Salmon and Sgt. Anthony Peden — all active-duty soldiers stationed at Fort Stewart — are each charged with 13 counts including malice murder, felony murder and illegal gang activity in the Dec. 4 slayings.

The victims, former soldier Michael Roark and his 17-year-old girlfriend, Tiffany York, were shot in the head in the woods near Fort Stewart in the U.S. state of Georgia. Fishermen found their bodies a day later.

The case took a stunning turn at an earlier hearing Monday when prosecutors told a Superior Court judge the accused soldiers belonged to an anti-government militia operating within the U.S. military that had stockpiled at least \$87,000 worth of guns and bomb components. They said the group had a range of plans — from bombing a park fountain in nearby Savannah to poisoning apple crops in the state of Washington — and its ultimate goal was to overthrow the U.S. government and assassinate the president.

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**Wesley Thomas, the stepfather of Tiffany York, is tackled by courtroom security while rushing at Sgt. Anthony Peden during Peden's hearing at Long County Superior Court, Thursday, in Ludowici, Ga. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for three soldiers accused in the murder of Thomas' stepdaughter and her boyfriend.** STEPHEN MORTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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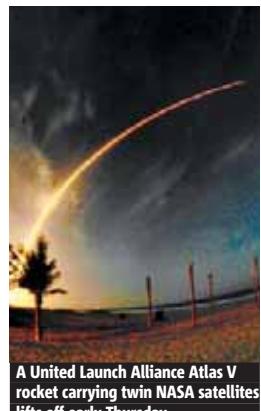
# Twin satellites are rocketed into orbit

**NASA.** The American satellites will explore Earth's two dangerous radiation belts full of high-energy particles from the cosmos

Twin U.S. satellites rocketed into orbit Thursday on a quest to explore Earth's treacherous radiation belts and protect the planet from solar outbursts.

It's the first time two spacecraft are flying in tandem amid the punishing radiation belts, brimming with highly charged particles capable of wrecking satellites and endangering astronauts.

"We're going to a place that other missions try to avoid, and we need to live there for two years. That's



A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket carrying twin NASA satellites lifts off early Thursday. AP PHOTO

one of our biggest challenges," said Richard Fitzgerald, project manager for Johns Hopkins.

These new satellites, shielded with thick alum-

inum, are designed to withstand an onslaught of cosmic rays for the next two years.

Scientists expect the \$686-million US mission to shed light on how the sun affects the Van Allen radiation belts, named after the astrophysicist who discovered them a half-century ago.

Earth's two doughnut-shaped radiation belts are full of high-energy particles from the sun and elsewhere in the cosmos, trapped by Earth's magnetic field.

Normally, the belts remain well above the International Space Station and low-flying satellites.

But they can expand during solar storms into the paths of orbiting spacecraft.

If severe enough, the storms can cripple satellites and endanger astronauts and disrupt power and communications. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Tablet war. Fire sellout may signal new model

Amazon.com says it has sold out of its Kindle Fire tablet.

The Internet retailer has a major press conference scheduled for next Thursday in Santa Monica, Calif.

It's widely expected to reveal a new model of the Fire there, so Thursday's announcement that the first model is "sold out" suggests that Amazon halted production a while ago to retool for a new model.

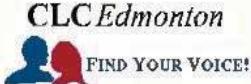
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## Cut and run from Facebook

Facebook co-founder Dustin Moskovitz, pictured, has been selling 150,000 shares of Facebook stock a day out of the hundreds of millions that he owns. So far, he has shed 1.35 million shares for proceeds of \$26.2 million, at prices ranging from \$18.79 to \$20.08. He still holds more than 130 million shares. Moskovitz, 28, was Mark Zuckerberg's Harvard roommate when they founded Facebook in 2004. He left in 2008 and started the software company Asana. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### Pussy Riot

#### Band won't harm Russia-Canada trade: Official

A Russian official says he is not concerned about the jailing of punk band Pussy Riot will discourage Canadian businesses from pursuing opportunities in his country.

"As far as trade is concerned, Canadian businessmen don't know who Pussy Riot are," says Konstantin Trofimov, Russia's trade com-

missioner to Canada, ahead of the next week's Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation summit in Vladivostok.

Russia has just gained membership in the World Trade Organization and is eager to deepen economic ties, including those with Canada.

President Vladimir Putin is expected to have a number of bilateral meetings on the margin of the summit next week. Whether Prime Minister Stephen Harper gets face time remains to be seen.

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tainable into next year.

Royal Bank's record profits amounted to \$2.24 billion, or \$1.47 per share. That compared with earnings of \$1.29 billion or 83 cents per share in the year-earlier period.

TD reported profits of \$1.7 billion, or \$1.78 per share, from \$1.49 billion or \$1.58 a share a year ago.

Its domestic personal and commercial banking posted a record quarter, with reported net income of \$864 million.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce profit rose by 42 per cent in the quarter to \$841 million, or \$2 per share, compared with \$591 million, or \$1.33 a share, for the same period last year.

Earlier this week, Bank of Montreal raised its dividend for the first time since 2007, boosting it 2.8 per cent to 72 cents a share, on profits of \$970 million.

Scotiabank increased its quarterly dividend 3.6 per cent to 57 cents per share on \$2.05 billion of profit.

Scotiabank announced Wednesday that it is buying ING Bank of Canada in a \$3.13-billion deal.

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### Safety risk

#### Mr. Coffee brewers recalled

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# ON THIS HARVEST MOON



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**1** Snooki has a baby. The Jersey Shore reality star delivered a baby boy Sunday. Snooki's rep confirmed the good news, "The world just got another Guido!! Lorenzo

Dominic LaVale has entered the world weighing 6 lb., 5 oz. Nicole, Jionni & Enzo are doing great! If you were disheartened by the news that MTV is cancelling the show after this season, remember you can still watch humanity regress in the spinoff series Snooki & JWOWW.

**2** NBC's gaffe. If it wasn't bad enough that many on Twitter were asking who Neil Armstrong was after he passed away, NBC topped it big time: They made this huge headline mistake on their website announcing the astronaut's death: "Astronaut Neil Young, first man to walk on moon, dies at age 82." Here's hoping the person's boss who wrote that display copy has a Heart of Gold.

**3** Superman and Wonder Woman. DC Comics has revealed a new romantic storyline, as Superman is now hooking up with Wonder Woman! Yes, it's been revealed that a Justice League comic will feature a romance between the two comic book icons after a passionate embrace in Justice League Issue #12. Forget Brangelina, this is the new power couple.

**4** Fake Lady Gaga followers! A study by social media company Status People reveals that up to 71 per cent of Lady Gaga's nearly 29 million Twitter followers are either inactive or have been created by spamming computers known as "bots." While these fakes don't impact her status as an international pop sensation, it does mean that I have a chance to catch her now. @neilmorton versus @ladygaga, this is back on!

**5** Will.i.am on Mars. Holy intergalactic! The Black Eyed Peas star partnered with NASA to play his new song, Reach for the Stars, through the speakers of the Curiosity rover live from Mars. That's about a 530-million-kilometre round trip for the music, which was beamed back to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. One day a rover will hit Jupiter and beam Train's Drops of Jupiter to my house.

**6** Newfoundland sinking? Memorial University geography professor Norm Catto, an expert in coastline erosion, says the island of Newfoundland is sinking by a rate of about 3.5 millimetres a year. But relax, that only equates to about 30 centimetres in 100 years. If I live for 100 years, I figure that's about how much I will sink as well. But hey, we'll both still be around.

**7** The Boss. Ten-year-old Halle Tator from Thornhill, Ont., had the thrill of a lifetime when Bruce Springsteen had her up on stage during his Toronto concert at Rogers Centre and let her sing Waitin' on a Sunny Day. The Boss spotted young Halle holding a sign that read: "It's my first show. I'm waiting on a sunny day." A real life Courtney Cox-esque Dancing in the Dark moment!

**8** Photobombed! A new book, Photobombed! Making Bad Pictures Great and Good Pictures Awesomely Bad, presents the first collection of one of the top humour memes on the web: the photobomb! So if you spot some dude making funny faces in a nice picture you took, you can now take solace by getting this picture book. And get your own ideas for the art of a great revenge photobomb.

**9** The naked truth. People are showing support for Harry's naked display in Vegas by posting their naked pictures to a Facebook group called Support Prince Harry with a Naked Salute (#salute4harry). The guidelines: "Please cover your crown jewels, tag yourself in your photo as proof of your support to the nation's favourite Royal!" Greatest Harry naked support group ever! With a source coming forward saying the photo is just the tip of the iceberg, I wonder if support for Harry's debauchery will ... shrink.

**10** DJ Cruise. Seems Tom Cruise's 17-year-old son Connor Cruise (he was adopted by Tom and Nicole Kidman) is becoming a serious DJ after touring hot spots throughout Europe. Connor, a.k.a. DJ Ranger Rick, has made a name for himself in the U.S. but this was his first trip across the pond. DJ Paris Hilton, watch out.

**11** Reality stars hit Edmonton. Officials with Travel Alberta say the \$20,000 spent on bringing former Bachelorette stars Ashley and J.P. to Edmonton is worth the cost. The couple went to the Edmonton Fringe Festival, visited the Art Gallery of Alberta and chowed down at local eateries. Now Edmonton sounds like a rosy place, but a reality show couple visiting there doesn't give me incentive to visit.

# Artwork gets a leg up



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**Best foot forward**  
**Exhibition of prosthetics**

With the Paralympics starting, a group of artists have given disability another showcase. Spare Parts is a London exhibition of "pre-loved" limbs curated by amputee artist Priscilla Sutton.

"It was crazy to keep hoarding my legs," she said.

Creative contributions arrived from all over the world, including a box of arms from hospitals.

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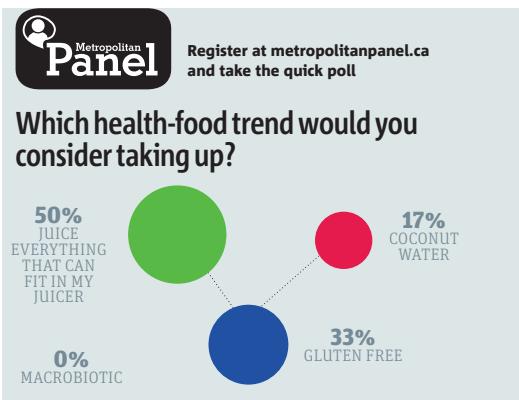
## Star amputees

- Rick Allen.** The drummer from British rock band Def Leppard kept playing after losing his arm in a car accident.
- Robert David Hall.** The U.S. actor lost both legs but won widespread acclaim for roles in hit shows such as CSI and The West Wing.
- Frida Kahlo.** Legendary Mexican painter lost a leg to gangrene.

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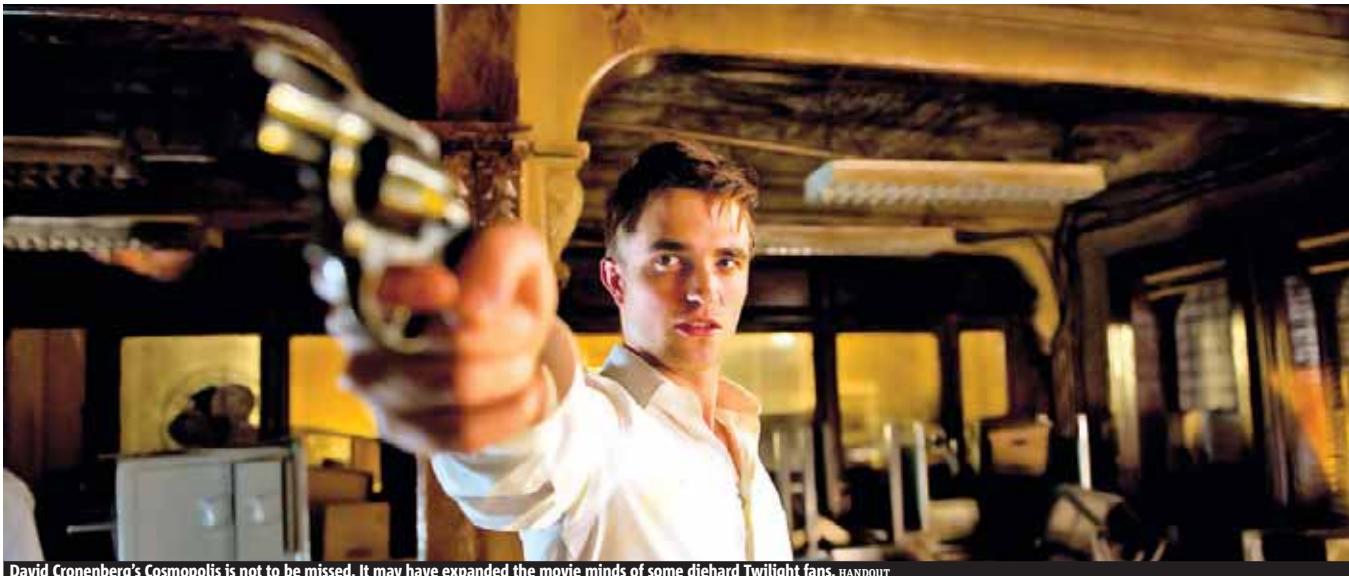
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David Cronenberg's *Cosmopolis* is not to be missed. It may have expanded the movie minds of some diehard *Twilight* fans. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD  
CROUSE AND  
MARK BRESLIN



# Look what you missed while at the cottage ...

**Summer roundup.**  
Crouse and Breslin reflect on the best and worst films of sunshine season

**Richard:** Mark, I bet Taylor Kitsch started the year thinking he'd be a Brad-Pitt-sized star by Christmas. He had three big-budget movies coming out, two in the high real estate summer season alone. Too bad those movies were John Carter, Battleship and Savages, two of which are considered emblematic of everything that's wrong with Hollywood blockbusters. His failure to launch this summer is one of those career misfires that can be hard to come back from, but he's talented (and Canadian) so I hope he gets another chance.

What caught your eye this summer?

**MB:** Speaking of hunks, if anyone told me Robert Pattinson would star in one of my favourite movies of the summer, I would have thought they were crazy. But I thought David Cronenberg's *Cosmopolis* was a masterpiece — a frigid, talky flick that plays like a grad thesis, but a masterpiece nevertheless. What's your take on it, Richard?

**RC:** I really liked *Cosmopolis* but the thing that really tickled me was the idea of tween *Twilight* fans sneaking in and having their minds blown. Pattinson's prostate exam was probably the stuff of a few fan's nightmares... or dreams. More accessible was *Lola Versus* with Greta Gerwig. Natural and funny, for me this was the summer's little movie that could.

**MB:** Loved *Lola Versus*! It's the movie Woody Allen might have made if he were 30 today. I was never a Greta Gerwig fan until this movie but it felt like it was written just for her. Now, how about *People Like Us*? A rare movie about brother/sisterly love. I cried at the last scene and could not leave the theatre.

**RC:** Ha! I hope you didn't get any of those tears on your dress. I'm kidding. It is a touching movie, and one that not enough people saw. I'll close out my look back at the unsung heroes of the summer with *Killer Joe*. If there ever was a definition of a movie that was not for everyone, this is it, but for lovers of dark — and I mean darker than a moonless night — thrillers, this is tops. Have you seen it?

**MB:** Yes, it's excellent, especially Matthew McCaughney's

Synopsis

Technically summer ends on September 21, but for the Reel Guys the silly season is over the day the Toronto Film Festival guidebook comes out. From that point on they pack away memories of air conditioning movies and begin prep for Oscar season. This week Richard and Mark wistfully look back at the season that gave us 94 days of popcorn and fun flicks.

performance. I don't think I'll ever eat another piece of fried chicken, though. Another movie I loved this summer was *The Intouchables*, a French entry about the improbable friendship between a rich quadriplegic and his thuggish caregiver. The least likely comedy ever, but it works.

On the web



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## Stories We Tell. Sarah Polley's family secret inspired documentary

Acclaimed actress and filmmaker Sarah Polley says her own family secret inspired her new documentary, *Stories We Tell*.

The doc, which debuted Wednesday at the Venice Film Festival, probes the secrets behind a family of storytellers.

In a guest blog post on the National Film Board of Canada website, the Oscar-nominated writer-director reveals she made the doc after learning the identity of her biological father.

The Toronto-based star says she had long suspected her late mother, who died when Polley was 11, may have had an affair that led to her conception.

But she didn't know for sure until 2006, when a DNA test confirmed a man she had met almost by accident was her biological father.

Polley says she kept the information to herself for a year and revealed it to the father she grew up with after learning a journalist got wind of the secret.

The director of *Away From Her* and *Take This Waltz* says the story wasn't published because she tearfully begged the journalist not to print it.

"My father's response to this staggering piece of news was extraordinary," Polley writes in the online post that's dated Wednesday.

"He has always been a man who responds to things in unusual ways, for better or for worse. He was shocked, but not angry. His chief concern, almost immediately, was that my siblings and I not put any blame on my mother for her straying outside of their marriage."

Polley says as more people heard of and discussed the revelation, she became fascinated with how stories take on a life of their own and decided to make a film about that concept.

"Making this film was the hardest thing I've ever done," she writes. "It took five years



### Stories We Tell

- Screening at TIFF. The NFB produced the documentary, which will screen next at the Toronto International Film Festival that kicks off September 6.

and tormented me. I didn't want to make it, and I wanted to give up many times along the way, but I also didn't want this story to be out there in the words of someone other than the many people who lived it.

"Now it will be written about in many other people's words, and I'm finally at peace with that."

Polley says she's hoping to not do any press or interviews about the film until it's released theatrically, and apologizes for her decision to do so. But she notes she wants to let the doc "speak for itself."

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**Resident Evil.** Special effects makeup craftsman Paul Jones talks about creating Nazi zombie bikers

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
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Director Paul Anderson's *Resident Evil* films, based on the juggernaut same-named Capcom videogames, have long traded in the macabre, filled as they are with hordes of flesh eating zombies, undead Dobermans and hulking monsters of every perverse persuasion.

And even though the series' central force, actress Milla Jovovich (also writer/director Anderson's wife), is perhaps their greatest special effect, the man assigned the task of designing the mind bending horrors her high-kicking heroine Alice must battle is Canadian special makeup effects craftsman, Paul Jones.

The English-born Jones has been in the business for almost 25 years, getting his start with FX legend Bob Keen on pictures like *The Unholy*, *Hellraiser II* and *Nightbreed* but has since become something of an icon in his own right with his work on *Bride of Chucky*, *Silent Hill* and now, the fifth in the *Evil* franchise, *Resident Evil: Retribution* 3D.

"You look at Paul Anderson's resume, and it's like, every fun movie ever made, he's done," says Jones from his east end Toronto studio.

"He cares more about makeup than any other director I've ever worked with. *Retribution* is my third time

# Canadian FX legend gets evil all over again



Resident Evil star Milla Jovovich doing what she does best, killing zombies. HANDOUT

working with Paul and there's a shorthand there now."

Jones designed the monsters and makeup for the second, non-Anderson directed film *Apocalypse* and the fourth picture, *Afterlife* as well, but the more abstract *Retribution* proved to be an even more imaginative and challenging experience.

In it, Alice finds herself deep in the bowels of the evil Umbrella Corporation, trying to escape a series of harrowing simulated universes ripe with giant eyeless monsters, hammer swinging executioners, Japanese zombies and most eerily, an army of motorcycle riding Nazi zombie bikers.

"That's the thing people forget, they think zombie they think risen from grave and in *Resident Evil* that's not necessarily true," says Jones.

"You get infected, you get mutated which as an effects artist, gives you options. That's why I'm not daunted when I get a *Resident Evil* script because you know you're not going to have to beat *The Walking Dead*,

### Quoted

**"The only thing that would stop the series, well, is Milla, really."**

Special effects makeup artist Paul Jones on the creative possibilities of the *Resident Evil* franchise

which you couldn't anyway because they're the best zombie makeup ever done. *Resident Evil* has its own beat."

Jones' 3D tweaked handiwork can also be seen this season in the upcoming *Silent Hill: Revelations*, also produced by the *Resident Evil* team of Samuel Hadida and Don Carmody. But in the meantime, Anderson's hugely popular films are not set to stop with this fifth entry and why would they? They're incredibly popular and as Jones concurs, there's still so many places to take them creatively.

"There's no stopping the series," he says. "The possibilities of what we can do are limitless. The only thing that would stop the series, well, is Milla, really."

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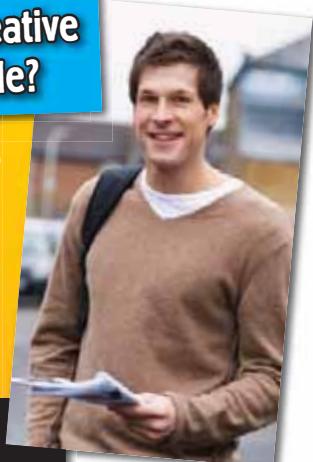
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## Horror

### The Possession

Director: Old Borredal

Stars: Natasha Calis, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Kyra Sedgwick

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Based on an allegedly true story about divorced parents (Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Kyra Sedgwick), their daughter (Natasha Calis) and the evil spirit that takes over her body after she buys a mysterious box at a yard sale, *The Possession* doesn't feel like a modern horror film. It's a throwback to a time when horror movies relied on creepy whispers and shadows rather than special effects for the scares. Mostly it works — there's good atmosphere and some tense moments — but gaping plot holes let a lot of the air out of the story.

RICHARD CROUSE



## Comedy

### Robot & Frank

Director: Jake Schreier

Stars: Frank Langella, Susan Sarandon

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Robot & Frank is a tricky little charmer. Not only does it combine a heist movie with sci-fi conventions but, at its heart, it's also a buddy picture between an elderly thief and his android. When ageing Frank is burdened with a mechanical caretaker, the ex-criminal soon warms to the robot as his safecracker on heists. While the film has a few inconsistencies, a delightful performance from Langella gives the drama poignancy.

STEVE GOW



## Comedy

### Celeste and Jess Forever

Director: Lee Toland Krieger

Stars: Rashida Jones, Adam Samberg

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While Celeste and Jesse Forever may assist in converting Rashida Jones (TV's Parks and Recreation) into a mainstream movie star, it certainly does little for Adam Samberg. Co-written by Jones, the quirky premise of a married couple trying to divorce while keeping a close friendship starts strong but soon zeroes in too much on its female lead. Still, this amusing comedy (albeit a bit uneven in tone) should relieve many moviegoers from the exhausting onslaught of blockbusters.

STEVE GOW

## Quoted

"Before I really had a fully fleshed out conversation with [director John] Hillcoat, I think I was nervous about my skill set and where I'd be able to go. For me, Hillcoat was the most nurturing, empathetic, emotional, sensitive man I had ever met, at the helm, and he allowed me to open up 'cause I felt safe with him."

Shia LaBeouf on talking to Lawless director John Hillcoat about his role in the Prohibition-era film.  
MWN



## Crossfire Hurricane. The Rolling Stones set to storm theatres this fall

### The Rolling Stones

The band formed in London in 1962 and played their first gig on July 12 at The Marquee Club. In half a century the band has sold more than 200 million albums and is ranked by Rolling Stone magazine as the No. 4 greatest artists of all time.

Mick Jagger has speculated that the band might play on stage again as early as this fall.

The documentary includes footage showing the band's first road trips and the chaos of early tours, accompanied by commentaries by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts, Ronnie Wood and former Stones Bill Wyman and Mick Taylor.

"This is not an academic history lesson," director Brett Morgen said in a statement. Instead, the film invites the audience to experience "the Stones' nearly mythical journey from outsiders to rock and roll royalty," he said.

The documentary also will be shown later this year on HBO and the BBC.

The Stones, which are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, have so far kept their plans secret. On Thursday, a publicist for the

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band denied reports that it will play four shows in London and New York in November.

The reports followed rumours that the rockers may be releasing new material after Jagger tweeted a photo of him holding a guitar inside a Paris recording studio this week.

The band first played in July, 1962 at The Marquee Club in London.

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## Kissing comics. Wonder Woman, Superman now DC Comics' power couple

Wonder Woman and Superman are an item, locking lips in a passionate embrace as the pair realize that there's no one out there like them.

The couple's kiss is the culmination of a dramatic story in Justice League No. 12, which marks the first full year since DC relaunched its stable of heroes with new stories, new costumes and revised origins.

DC Comics co-publisher Jim Lee, who has drawn each issue of Justice League since its debut, called the canoodling in Wednesday's issue not a stunt or an alternate reality smooch.

"This has been in the works for some time and we certainly wouldn't have pulled the trigger on it without there being great creative benefit to the liaison," he said in an email. "Beyond the joy and sorrows of new love, there are potentially huge ramifications and dramatic ways this single relationship between these iconic characters will change the entire political and interpersonal landscape of the DC universe."

The characters have long formed, with Batman, the triumvirate of DC Entertain-

### Need to know

Since DC relaunched its characters and universe nearly a year ago, some of the origins have changed.

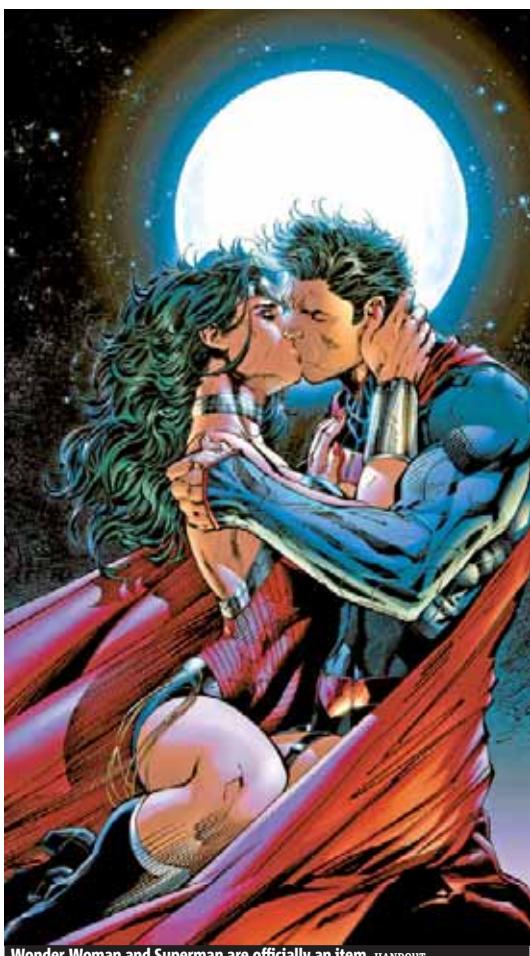
- **Changes.** Wonder Woman is now the daughter of Zeus – and the costumes are new too.
- **Lois Lane.** One aspect that did not survive the relaunch: Lois Lane's role as Superman's love.

ment's heroes and are among the most powerful and best-known.

In the 1980s, the pair had a brief fling but Superman went on to marry Lois Lane. They also kissed in Frank Miller's *Dark Knight Strikes Again* a decade ago. In a 2006 epilogue to 1996's *Kingdom Come*, the couple asks Bruce Wayne, aka Batman, to stand as godfather to their unborn child.

Justice League is laying out a story that looks not only at the couple but the effects on others, too, said DC Comics.

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Wonder Woman and Superman are officially an item. HANDOUT

# Love Hewitt says Client List has soul

**New show.** Actress insists that there is much more to the steamy scenes on her new show and that it's more of a morality tale

Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt understands many viewers will be drawn to the "eye-candy portion" of her series *The Client List*.

But she also wants them to see a heart and female empowerment message in the steamy show, in which she plays a single Texas mother who works at a racy massage parlour to make ends meat.

"I hope that people will understand that in those rooms it is her that is in control, no one is controlling her, no one is controlling her decisions, no one is pushing her into anything, and men are never allowed to touch her in any way unless she says it's OK," Hewitt, 33, said in a recent telephone interview as she discussed her character, Riley Parks.

"She's the boss in that office, and there is something empowering about that and interesting about that, and I think people were surprised by that when they started watching the show."

The *Client List*, which debuted in the U.S. in April, makes its Canadian debut on Sunday on the new Lifetime Canada channel.

Cybill Shepherd co-stars as Riley's mom, while Loretta Devine (*Grey's Anatomy*, *Boston Public*) plays the spa owner. Other cast members include Colin Egglesfield as the compassionate brother of Riley's husband (Brian Hallisay).

**A toast to 007.** With Martinis, memorabilia and film, impressive travelling exposition celebrates 50 years of the spy we love

Fifty years on, James Bond remains a movie juggernaut. While the protagonist, villains and gadgets may change, the appeal of 007 lingers.

The world of Bond is not timeless – the cutting edge of the car phone and pager in 1963's *From Russia With Love* has long since dulled – but

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Jennifer Love Hewitt's new television series, *The Client List*, debuts on the new Lifetime Canada channel Sunday. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Quote

"I hope that people will understand that in those rooms it is her that is in control, no one is controlling her."

Jennifer Love Hewitt  
On her new show *The Client List*

lisay), who has abandoned her.

The series stems from a 2010 TV movie of the same name, for which Hewitt garnered a Golden Globe nomination.

The former Ghost Whisperer star, who is also executive producer and has directed on the show, said the story idea came upon her five years ago as she pondered the concept of the modern-day working woman in a tough economy.

As she helped craft the strong-willed Riley, she saw the character as a mom first and a sexy spa worker second.

As such, she didn't seek out women who work in that field as part of her research. Instead, she looked to her female family members for inspiration.

"I'm from Texas. I grew up in a family of really strong Texas women who were beauty pageant queens and then went on to be great mothers and grandmothers and aunts and these very strong women who would do anything for their families. So Riley's personality is based on my mother and who my mom is and was and all of those things," said Hewitt, whose mother, Patricia, died in June from complications due to cancer.

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## James Bond exhibit going public

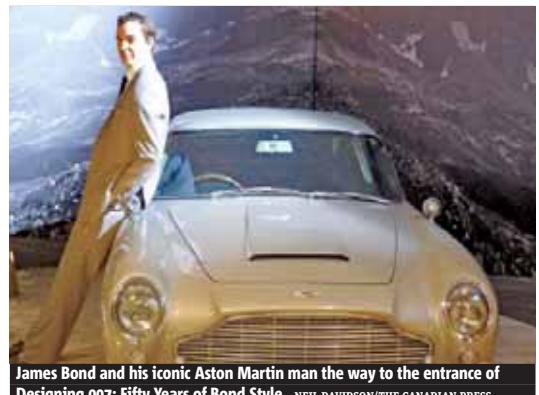
007's style has been a constant.

Bond cuts a suave figure, be it in a dinner jacket prowling a casino, or a ski outfit outracing a legion of no-name henchmen.

The exhibit *Designing 007: 50 Years of Bond Style* showcases Ian Fleming's creations on the 50th anniversary of Dr. No, the first of the Bond movies.

The show debuted in July at the Barbican in London, running through Sept. 6. In addition to the exhibition, the performing arts centre added to the Bond mood with a martini bar and Bond shop.

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James Bond and his iconic Aston Martin man the way to the entrance of *Designing 007: Fifty Years of Bond Style*. NEIL DAVIDSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 'It's going to come to a horrible end'

**TV.** Hit show's star Bryan Cranston speculates on how *Breaking Bad* will finish

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News in Hollywood

With the end of *Breaking Bad* drawing near — the final eight episodes of the critically acclaimed drama will air next year — speculation is running rampant about how the story will conclude.

And star Bryan Cranston has some ideas about what will happen to Walter White, his cancer-suffering high school teacher turned meth-dealing crime lord — namely, he could very well kick the bucket.

"Maybe the guy who has created all this toxic waste around him, maybe that's the happy ending. Maybe that he needs to die to make it happy," Cranston says.

Cranston is quick to point out, though, that this is all speculation on his part, since the final episodes haven't been shot and creator Vince Gilligan is keeping him in the dark — probably because of interviews like this one.

"I don't know, I honestly don't know how it's going to end," Cranston admits. "I don't ask, (Gilligan) doesn't

tell me."

Whatever becomes of Walter White, Cranston is at peace with the show drawing to a close.

"I feel good, yes. We will have amassed 62 episodes and I think that's right," he says. "I would always rather end something I'm very proud of a year or two early rather

than a year too late. You don't want audiences going, 'Breaking Bad — is that still on the air?' You don't want to hear that. You want to hear, 'Breaking Bad, ah, man, I miss that show.'"

Still, Cranston says viewers should be prepared for a pretty grisly finale — and diehard fans of the show are

ready for that.

"It's going to come to a horrible end and they know it," he says. "The people who are really into the show don't care, they've got to go. That's brilliant structure to be able to do that, because you have new people who are following me and I'm doing all these despicable things."

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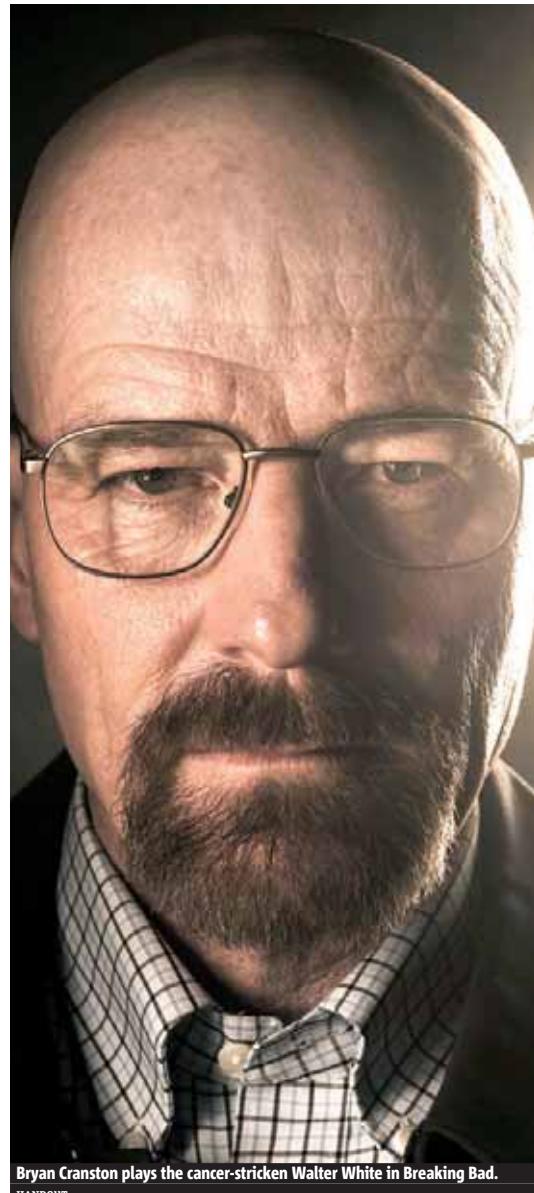
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Bryan Cranston plays the cancer-stricken Walter White in *Breaking Bad*.  
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Copper airs Sunday on Showcase. HANDOUT

### TV Pix

#### Reality TV and pregnant women — a sure-fire hit?

The new reality series *I'm Having Their Baby* follows pregnant women struggling with a big decision — keep their baby or give it up? — and couples hoping to adopt if the mother chooses not to keep the child. On Friday's show, Claudia is worried about her future after getting pregnant with a man who has six children with four women. (Slice)

#### A meat lover's paradise

Another new reality show, *Meat Men*, should be ap-

petizing for carnivores. Pat LaFrieda, Jr., also known as the "Magician of Meat," is famous in New York culinary circles and he invites the cameras behind the scenes to talk steak and burgers on Friday. (Food Network)

#### Canadian-made Oscar winner on deck for Saturday

Quebec director Denys Arcand won an Oscar with *Les Invasions Barbares*, which won the best foreign language Academy Award in 2004 and airs Saturday. A terminally ill man faces his family and old friends — characters introduced in Arcand's previous film *Le Déclin de l'empire américain* — as he nears death. (Global)

#### A true simian story

Project Nim is a fascinating documentary about a baby chimpanzee who was raised like a human child in New York in the 1970s. The film is directed by James Marsh, who also helmed the acclaimed documentary *Man on Wire*, and airs Saturday. (HBO Canada)

#### A double dose of Copper

If you missed the premiere of the new show *Copper* it's on again Sunday, along with a new episode. The crime show is set in 1860s-era New York and follows an Irish-immigrant cop working the tough Five Points neighbourhood. (Showcase)  
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# Has reality TV gone too far this time?

**Young love.** Parents, producers buzzing about new reality show on teen weddings

After allowing viewers to gape at the excesses of the rich bride, support the frugality of the poor bride, and cheer the weight loss of the bulging bride, reality TV is dishing up a new twist to televised nuptials — brace yourself for the teen bride.

Slice is currently casting in Canada for *My Teenage Wedding*, a series that has raised eyebrows among some parents who worry the show may be cashing in on the vulnerabilities of young love and could negatively impact youth audiences.

But those behind the series say the show is more of a social documentary that could even serve as a conversation starter for parents worried about their teens' relationships.

Nonetheless, the series, which will air next winter, concerns 38-year-old mother Gabrielle Domingues, who saw a notice about the show's casting call.

"I just think it's borderline inappropriate," she said of youth-focused reality show. "It's one thing to show adults in that light ... and another to show minors exposing their mistakes and their vulnerabilities at such a raw and impressionable age, and by asso-



**Sarah and Victor** are a young couple featured in a pilot episode of the Slice show *My Teenage Wedding*, which is currently casting in Canada. **HANDOUT**

ciation making an impression and influencing youth who are watching."

The proliferation of youth-focused reality shows makes the self-described pop culture junkie from Toronto wonder how much media attention her 10-year-old will want as he grows up, particularly since he already enjoys making YouTube videos with his family.

"Because they see themselves reflected back on the

screen, a lot of kids now do think 'I could do that, I could be on that show,'" she said. "As a parent, I can teach my children what's appropriate and what's not ... You need to have a dialogue."

Those behind *My Teenage Wedding* say the show is a way to start that conversation if a parent is concerned about their child's relationships or the impact reality shows might have.

"It actually gives them a

vehicle and a reason to bring it up," said Christine Shipton, vice-president of original content at Shaw Media — Slice's parent company — who notes she hasn't heard any parental concerns from the airing of four pilot episodes in the spring.

"If this is a point of view that you're concerned is affecting your kids in a negative way, you need to talk to them about it."

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## TV. Donald Faison: From a Scrub to an Ex

**MEREDITH ENGEL**  
Metro New York

Think you've had a bad roommate experience? It probably can't top that of actor Donald Faison.

"One of my roommates stole \$1,000 from me, forged a check with my name," says the star of TV Land's *The Exes*, which centres on a group of divorced men whose neighbour is their divorce attorney — and landlord.

"That would be really awesome if I could say, 'Yeah, somebody ate my sandwich,' but no, that's not (what happened)."

After nine years playing goofy surgeon Turk on *Scrubs*, Faison is now in the shoes of lothario Phil on *The Exes* — but don't assume that

art imitates life in this situation.

"I wish I could say I was a ladies man, but I'm not," the actor says. "I got married young, I had kids young, I did all of that stuff young. I should have lived a little but I didn't. But it's easy to play a ladies man on television — you'll never get shot down, unless the scene calls for it."

Not that he needs to worry about the ladies in real life: Faison is engaged to longtime love CaCee Cobb, but is "not deep into wedding planning at all right now," he says.

"The crazy thing is when you get engaged, apparently you gotta plan a wedding. I didn't know this," he says. "I guess we're both lazy; we're just having a great time being engaged."

On a recent episode of *The*

*Exes*, Faison welcomes his former *Scrubs* co-star Zach Braff to the show. (Braff plays "the Roger Federer of our realm," Faison explains.) Faison says he and Braff "hang out all the time," and it was easy for them to fall back into the onscreen groove.

"Because our friendship is so strong, maybe that's why it's so easy to (work together)," Faison says. "There was always that, 'If only we could find another way to get us together,' and we found it. Who knew TV Land had the power to do it?"

Faison would be glad to see Braff come back to their set — or other TV sets, for that matter.

"I'll be honest: If he really wanted to come back to the multi-cam sitcom, it's a way for him to go. He'd crush it."



**Donald Faison** GETTY IMAGES

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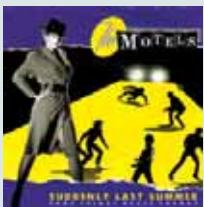

# Tunes to keep you in the summer mood



## SOUND CHECK

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It's Labour Day already? How did that happen? Best make the most of these last three precious days with these bittersweet end-of-summer songs.



## Suddenly Last Summer/The Motels

I first heard this song (its title taken from a Tennessee Williams play) on Labour Day weekend 1983. Intense melancholia. Perfect for this coming Monday afternoon.

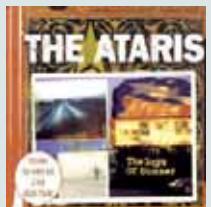
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## Long Hot Summer/Style Council

One of the defining moments of Paul Weller's first post-jam project. Best enjoyed at the end of a dock with a cool drink in your hand.

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## Boys of Summer/The Ataris

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Lianne La Havas released her debut album, *Is Your Love Big Enough?* in August. JOHN CARUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# La Havas has big-name fans, without big-chart numbers

**New music, U.K.**  
newcomer Lianne La Havas releases album to famous fanfare

## Quote

"I mean, it's what I've always wanted."

Lianne La Havas  
On making music.

An artist whose album debuts outside of the Top 100 on the Billboard charts would normally be considered a flop, but for Lianne La Havas, whose fans include Prince and Stevie Wonder, that may not be the case.

The London-born singer's

music icon Prince.

"I mean, it's what I've always wanted," La Havas, 22, said of her career buzz. "It's amazing 'cause all I'm doing is singing because it feels nice and writing because it feels nice."

La Havas, whose sound blends folk, pop and soul, will open for John Legend on a U.S. tour in October, giving her album more exposure in America (it debuted at No. 4 in the United Kingdom).

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For 21 years, HIV Edmonton has hosted the AIDS Walk. This is the agency's largest fundraiser. All money raised stays right here in Edmonton to support local initiatives benefiting those living

with, affected by, and at risk of HIV. This year's Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life will be held at Churchill Square on Sept. 23.

"This year's event boasts some excellent incentives to get out and walk," says Keegan. This year's prizes include a VIA Rail trip, a WestJet flight and the grand prize of a trip for two to Beijing, China.

The lucky winner of the Beijing trip will stay at the luxurious Fairmont Beijing. They will also have VIP status to walk the Great Wall at the first ever AIDS Walk in China. Register and raise at least \$500 for your chance to win this trip of a lifetime!

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# O Canada! Alice Munro, Neil Young add heft to Canuck fall book season

## Publishing industry.

Lots of anticipation around upcoming releases has book-buying public chomping at the bit

New works by CanLit favourites Alice Munro, M.G. Vassanji, Susan Swan and David Bergen will highlight the fall book season, along with a memoir by rock legend Neil Young and a children's book from rapper K'naan.

"It's honestly our strongest season maybe in the company history," says Beth Lockley, executive director of publicity and marketing for Penguin Group of Canada, which has the Young memoir, *Waging Heavy Peace*, and several other celebrity titles.

The fall season is crucial to the publishing industry here as book-buying picks up ahead of the Christmas season, notes Scott Sellers, vice-president and director of marketing strategy at Random House of Canada.

"That's why you get your big guns out, starting mid-to-late August, building momentum and attention for them through the fall, through awards seasons, heading into the month of December, when people are really in the stores in huge numbers looking to find books to read, books to give as gifts."

High-profile fiction books that hit shelves earlier this month include *The Age of Hope* (HarperCollins Canada) by Bergen, 2005 Giller winner for *The Time in Between*. The new story follows Hope Koop as she tries to find her identity in a small town outside Winnipeg.

Also available now is *The Tale-Teller* (Cormorant Books), Susan Glickman's second novel after her acclaimed 2006 debut *The*



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Neil Young's upcoming memoir *Waging Heavy Peace* will be out this fall. HANDOUT

ated *The Tiger Claw* in 2004.

"It's a really big, sweeping novel set against India on the brink of economic boom in the mid-'90s, and two women who are in a clash of faith and tradition to try and maintain the lives and dignity of young girls and women in their community," says Sellers. "It's quite something."

Also out in September is IMPAC Dublin Literary Award winner Rawi Hage's *Carnival* (House of Anansi Press), his latest novel since his 2008 Giller finalist *Cockroach*.

Laura Repas of House of Anansi Press calls *Carnival* a satirical, wild tale of "magical realism" that follows a taxi driver.

"I love it. I think it's his best work yet," she says. "It's got this wonderful combination of being this wild thing, this careening wild ride, but being very disciplined at the same time."

September will also see the release of Annabel Lyon's *The Sweet Girl* (Random House), the follow-up to her Writers' Trust Prize-winning 2009 novel *The Golden Mean*. While the first book took a fictional look at the life of Greek philosopher Aristotle, the new story does the same with his daughter, Pythias.

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Neil Young will release his hotly anticipated memoir this fall. GETTY IMAGES

# Hot Cheetos and Takis: The American snack taste test

## Beats and Rhymes.

Viral video celebrates two popular U.S. snacks

They're salty, starchy and, sadly, not widely available in Canada. But a new viral video called Hot Cheetos and Takis, made by a group of kids out of a Minneapolis North Community YMCA's Beats and Rhymes Program, has taken the Internet by storm. The song is a celebration of two popular snacks south of the border.

And with inspiration from this video, Metro New York went on a hunt to explore every starchy convenience food that comes in a Mylar bag by hitting up a local bodega (convenient store) to find a few varieties of Takis sitting on the shelf.

Here are a few facts about the product. (Note: Americans get Takis, but we get ketchup-flavoured chips and Smarties on our side of the border.)

- Serving Size: 14 pieces
- Servings Per Container: 4
- Calories: 140
- Fat: 8 grams
- First five ingredients: Corn-flour, hydrogenated soybean and/or canola and/or Palm and/or Sunflower Oil
- Chip Shape: Corn chip roll-up
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- Rating (out of five fingers): Three fingers
- What we thought: The bold flavour of the Takis were roundly appreciated by all



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who tried them. They were strong — nay, piercing in their heat with a nice, vaguely citrus-y finish.

Those kids in the video must have the palate of a 40-year-old smoker. However, the oily, sticky powder that heavily coats each roll-up made it difficult to eat more than a handful without feeling like we were going to be tossing Takis a moment later.

It's important to note that one bag of Takis is a whopping 4 ounces. It feels heavy in the hand, as

compared with a 99-cent Dorito bag. The chip itself is very thick, probably so that they wouldn't be crushed when they are rolled into a tube, but that thickness adds to the overwhelming nature of the Taki.

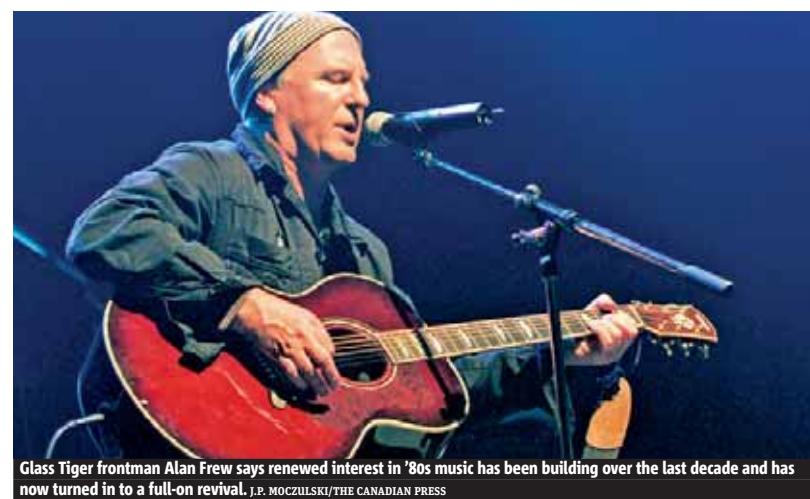
Put this flavouring on some Bugles, and maybe they'd be interested. While we may not be lifelong fans of the snack itself, we are eternally grateful to Y.N.RichKids for giving us the song of the summer that finally got Call Me Maybe out of our ears. METRO

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Glass Tiger frontman Alan Frew says renewed interest in '80s music has been building over the last decade and has now turned in to a full-on revival. J.P. MOCZULSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Don't call it a comeback. Glass Tiger embarks on mini-Canadian tour

Glass Tiger frontman Alan Frew says renewed interest in '80s music has been building over the last decade and has now turned in to a full-on revival.

"I've been watching it ramp up. ... I've been performing at festivals looking out at the audiences anywhere from 3,000 to 23,000

... and at least a third or more of the audience couldn't possibly have seen Glass Tiger the first time around," said Frew, who is embarking on a mini-tour with his bandmates.

"If I'm talking to any kids afterwards ... I'll ask them: 'What is it about the '80s?' Some of them will say they're tired of rap, some of them will say they're tired of the dark stuff, some of them just say they just love the way '80s music was really poppy and positive ... so I've been watching this ramp up to this moment where it really seems like it's a resurgence."

It's been 25 years since the release of Glass Tiger's hit debut album *The Thin Red Line*, and though the band has since faded from the charts, the Scottish-born Frew never stopped making music.

He co-wrote the ubiquitous Olympic anthem *I Believe*, has penned songs with Canadian country crooner Johnny Reid and came up with the Toronto Maple Leafs theme song *Free to Be (This is Canada's Song)*.

And he has continued to perform with Glass Tiger, even though some people seem to be under the impression that the band broke up.

"We always get a chuckle when people meet us and say 'Oh you guys are getting back together again' but it's mainly because ... I've kept the number of shows down because I was always doing other things so I told our agent, you know, keep it to about 15 shows a year," said Frew.

"So we've been doing (shows) kind of steadily, certainly enough so we feel very much like a band and we're all together. So for us this feels perfectly in sync."

The *Thin Red Line* 2CD Anniversary Edition contains live songs, b-sides, un-released demos, two new tracks and a cover of the Beatles classic *You've Got to Hide Your Love Away*.

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## Anxiety, stress forces LeAnn Rimes into rehab

Just after celebrating her 30th birthday, country singer LeAnn Rimes has checked herself into rehab for "anxiety and stress," her rep confirms to People magazine.

"LeAnn has voluntarily entered a 30-day in-patient treatment facility to cope with anxiety and stress," the rep says. "While there will be speculation regarding

her treatment, she is simply there to learn and develop coping mechanisms." Rimes herself is looking forward to feeling better after her month in rehab: "All the things in my life will be there when I get out, but you know what? I'm hoping they're not going to affect me as much," she says. "I'll have the tools to know how to deal with them."

## NBA star suing club after Drake-Chris Brown brawl

The fallout from the night-club brawl between Drake and Chris Brown's entourages continues, with NBA star Tony Parker now suing the club for \$20 million over injuries he sustained in the melee, according to TMZ. Parker's suit claims the owners of nightclub W.i.P. should have been aware of the "bad blood" between the two R&B stars.

The club owners counter that they can't be expected to keep track



Tony Parker

of their patrons' personal lives.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



### And the '90s lived happily ever after

#### THE WORD

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Jennie Garth and Luke Perry are at the center of one of our favourite unsubstantiated rumors of the summer.

The former 90210 costars recently reunited for an Old Navy commercial — and if you believe the National Enquirer, (go on, live a little!) they're still seeing plenty of each other.

"Since seeing Luke again, Jennie has fallen in love with him and Luke feels the same," a source tells the National Enquirer. "There

is an electricity between them that has been revived after all these years. It just happened." At the Old Navy shoot, "Luke immediately put his arm around Jennie and they talked like no one else was around," the source adds.

On the show, Garth's Kelly infamously made weekly bad decisions with Perry's Dylan.

In real life, Garth is in the process of divorcing actor Peter Facinelli, while Perry has been divorced since 2003. Still, Perry's owner of a publicist insists that this doesn't mean they're eternal prom dates: "This story is not true," he tells E! News, as if we're concerned about facts.

The moral of the story here: Kelly and Dylan have worked things out after all these years, and there is, indeed, hope and truth in the world after all.



## Vergara looking forward to long engagement

Sofia Vergara confirms that yes, Nick Loeb did propose to her during her birthday trip to Mexico earlier this summer, but don't expect the wedding anytime soon.

"I haven't started planning anything because everything has been very recent," she tells Celebuzz. She also says she's not opposed to being a mom

again post-wedding: "It's something that maybe one day I'll do again. I wouldn't mind," she says. "I mean, I think I can still do it. But you know, when you want to do something like that, you want to do it right, at the right moment, so I am taking it easy, so maybe when I have a little less work."

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Wanted a better view of the Shanghai skyline, so I climbed out my window bc there was no balcony. So scary!



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thanks Anne Hathaway, read Just Kids by Patti Smith. Silken in its sadness, a loving gift. Enduring, enriching,



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There's good. There's bad. There's Nicolas Cage.



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Eating cereal over the sink is exactly what I dreamed of as a little girl so I'm right on track

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Pelau is a one-pot rice dish and a great introduction to Trinidadian cooking. CHRIS DE LA ROSA OF CARIBBEANPOT.COM

## A taste of Trinidad

**Pelau.** As the island celebrates its 50th year of independence, try one of its staple dishes

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When, in 2009, self-taught chef Chris De La Rosa launched his website, caribbeantpot.com, he wanted to create an archive of recipes from his native Trinidad and Tobago for his daughters.

A few years later, the site has grown into a hub for Caribbean cooking — spawning a YouTube channel and Facebook page. Recently, it was even picked up by two Caribbean TV stations for its own segment.

"There is much more to Caribbean cuisine than jerk

chicken, roti and curry goat," says De La Rosa, from Hamilton, Ont. "There is a vast array of food to be found from island to island, depending on which country colonized it."

Trinidadian Pelau is a great introduction. A one-pot rice dish, it is similar to Spanish Paella. "Pelau embodies the true multicultural and multi-ethnic spirit of Trinidad," says De La Rosa. "With coconut milk and meat marinated in fresh herbs and spices, it is the ultimate rice dish."

1. Clean chicken with citrus juice, rinse with water and drain. Season and marinade chicken in bowl with salt, Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, garlic, ginger, onion and tomato, cilantro, black pepper, scotch bonnet pepper, scallion, thyme for at least 2 hours.

### Ingredients

- 5 lbs chicken drumsticks
- Juice of lemon
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tsp each Worcestershire sauce and ketchup
- 2 cloves garlic (thinly sliced)
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1 each medium onion and tomato (chopped)
- 2 tbsp cilantro
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 scotch bonnet pepper
- 1 scallion (chopped)
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 heaping tbsp golden brown sugar
- 3 cups long grain brown rice
- 1 can pigeon peas
- 1 carrot sliced into coins
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 3 cups water

2. Heat oil in large pot; add brown sugar. It will start to melt (keep stirring) then go frothy. When it turns amber, add chicken and stir well. Cover pot; cook on medium 10 mins.

3. Rinse peas; wash rice. Remove pot lid and turn up heat to burn off any liquid. Pour rice into pot, then peas, carrots,

coconut milk and water.

4. Stir and bring back to boil. Cover pot and allow to simmer 35 minutes or until all liquid absorbed and rice is tender.

5. Serve with slice of avocado, tomato and cucumber.

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### Liquid Assets

## Carnival in your glass



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I'm not much of a beach person so my interest in Trinidad and Tobago was lacking until I saw Nicki Minaj's Pound the Alarm music video. Shot on the Caribbean archipelago (she's from Trinidad), its plot is basically Minaj, and a group of equally lovely ladies, celebrating Carnival.

Though a simple premise, I can't wait to learn more — starting with the food. A Caribbean spread is best described as eclectic, influenced by a wide array of international cuisine.

Curries, spices, meats, rice, veggies and fruit are primary components of the islands' mains — which all equate to a wine pairing nightmare.

Of course, tropical island wine production is non-existent. That's why beer, a shot of local rum or a cocktail is the go-to beverage.

When you're filling your mouth with food loaded with pizzazz, you've got to reach for a refreshing wine with a palate-soothing personality. You may think of the 2011 Black Tower (\$8.95 - \$11.49) as a redundant German white from your parents' day. Made with the rivaner (a.k.a. müller-thurgau) grape, its juicy flavour and cool limited edition, summertime bottle design have a T&T menu written all over them. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

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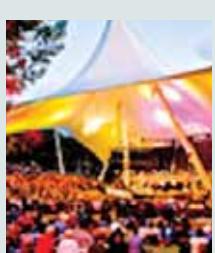
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Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?  
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



### Starry, starry night

It's a long weekend tradition and a charming way to spend the waning days of summer. Symphony Under the Sky takes to the Hawrelak Park Amphitheatre through Sept. 3, with the sweet strains of the ESO playing Mozart, John Williams and Tchaikovsky, among others. A Saturday and Sunday BBQ follows the family matinee. It's a fine way to bring the summer festival season to a close with a bang. Tickets at edmonton-symphony.com



### Rock Fest goes BOOM

On a decidedly louder note, Sonic Boom 2012, Edmonton's modern rock festival, will make some noise Sept. 2 at Northlands. Gates open at 11:30 Sunday for an all-day, outdoor lineup that includes Linkin Park, Incubus and Young the Giant. While it's an all-ages event, there will be food vendors and an 18-plus beer garden. Tickets are \$90, available at ticketmaster.ca.



### The most wonderful time of the year

There's no getting around it — it's back to school time. Don't fight it, just bring the kids over to the Roots Back to School event Sept. 1 at Roots on Whyte, 102 Street and 82 Avenue. Kids can try a free yoga class while parents learn about healthy lunchbox fare or take in demos of reflexology, massage and green technologies in dentistry. There's even live music and Italian coffee. Deep breath in...



### Drive-in movie. No car required

Enjoy a nostalgic night at the movies in the downtown core, as the city hosts Movies on the Square on a three-storey inflatable screen, Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 at Sir Winston Churchill Square. Family-friendly movies are: Aug. 31 Pirates, Band of Misfits — Sept. 1. The Lorax, and Sept. 2 the Adventures of TINTIN. Bring some popcorn, a lawn chair and a blanket — or bug spray. It's Edmonton weather.



### Crazy for corn

Corn on the cob is a late summer tradition, a sure sign of the harvest and autumn just around the corner. Celebrate all things corny at Corn Fest, Sept. 1 to 3 at Prairie Gardens, a 35-acre adventure farm just 25 minutes north of the city. There's fresh Alberta corn steamed the old-fashioned way, corn dolls, corn stalks and corn mazeways. Go corn crazy. See prairiegardens.org for details.



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### Party under the Dome

Don't miss this one-day fete at the Alberta Legislature Sept. 2. Free all-day festivities include a 1912 family fair to honour the 100th birthday of the Legislative building — birthday cake, a penny carnival and magicians are on site from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In the evening, Paul Brandt, Big Sugar and Brett Kissel cap off the day with a concert and fireworks. Free fun and free cake. C'mon.

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# 4 SPORTS

Mobile sports



Citing common traits between soldiers and football players, particularly when dealing with stressful situations that can lead to injury, the NFL and U.S. Army have teamed up on a long-term program to care for and prevent concussions and head trauma, as well as other health issues.

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Canadian Milos Raonic serves during his match against Paul-Henri Mathieu on Thursday in New York. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

## Things looking up for Raonic at U.S. Open

**Tennis.** Power-serving Canadian says he's 'getting better and better' after winning 2nd-round match

Another career first for Milos Raonic.

The hard-hitting 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., defeated Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu 7-5, 6-4, 7-6(4) at the U.S. Open on Thursday, firing 30 aces to advance to the third round at Flushing Meadows for the first time in his career.

Raonic played better Thursday than he did in his opening match against Colombia's Santiago Giraldo.

### Retirement

#### Roddick says he's done after Open

Andy Roddick is ready to walk away from tennis whenever his U.S. Open ends.

The 2003 U.S. Open champion and former No. 1-ranked player surprisingly announced his plans to

The Canadian had to rally from a set down and break to earn the first-round victory.

retire at a news conference at Flushing Meadows on Thursday, his 30th birthday.

"I'll make this short and sweet: I've decided that this is going to be my last tournament," said Roddick.

"I just feel like it's time. I don't know that I'm healthy enough or committed enough to go another year," he said.

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"I played much better today than in the first round, as far as the basics go," Raonic

said. "But I still need to do quite a few things better."

"The two breaks I got, I played good points each time. But I wasn't happy with my return games, I wasn't doing enough with the ball."

Raonic is the first Canadian male to get this far in this event in 24 years. Montreal's Martin Laurendeau reached the fourth round of the U.S. Open in 1988.

The 15th-seeded Raonic needed two hours 10 minutes to clinch the win. He'll face American James Blake in the third round.

"I do feel good about my game, I'm getting better and better," Raonic said. "I now have two days to get even better."

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### NHL

#### Players take time to draft proposal

The NHL Players' Association needed some overtime to prepare its next offer in collective bargaining.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, had hoped to table a counter-proposal Thursday, but instead called off the session to devote more time to drafting it. The sides were scheduled to resume talks Friday morning.

The union received detailed team-by-team financial information from the 2011-12 season this week and spent Thursday combing through it.

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### MLB

#### Ailing Villanueva leads Jays to win

Toronto Blue Jays starter Carlos Villanueva said he was feeling "terrible" on Thursday.

He didn't show it against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Villanueva (7-4) allowed five hits and a walk while striking out seven over six shutout innings and the Blue Jays defeated the Rays 2-0 for their second victory in a row.

The only two runs came on a bases-loaded double in the first inning by Kelly Johnson who had a three-hit game.

"Carlos was fighting a low-grade fever all afternoon and through the six innings he pitched tonight," Blue Jays manager John Farrell said. "But he was again outstanding."

Despite the victory, the Blue Jays (59-71) are 8-19 in August as they hold last place in the American League East.

The Rays (71-60), who entered the day four games out of first place in the AL East, have lost five of their past six.

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Canada's Benoit Huot receives his medal in London on Thursday. CLIVE ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

## Crosby's agent says Europe a playing option

If there's an NHL lockout, Sidney Crosby could head overseas to Europe.

Crosby would at least consider playing in Europe if there's a long lockout in the NHL, Crosby's agent Pat Brisson told the Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

"If at one point there's a lockout and the lockout goes long ... Sidney wants to play hockey," Brisson told the paper. "Of course he would consider alternatives."

Crosby is just one of a number of NHL players European teams have inquired about if there's a lockout. Crosby's teammate, Evgeni Malkin, said he would return to the KHL if there is a lockout and suspected Crosby would wait to see if the

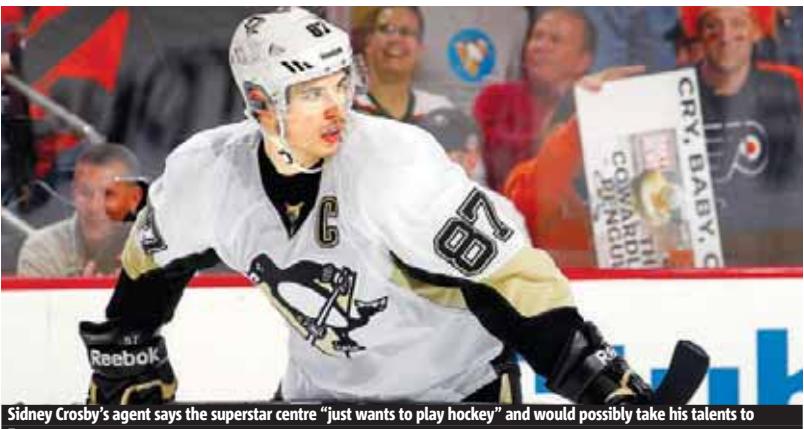
### European exodus

During the 2004-05 lockout, almost 400 NHLers played in European leagues.

Most of the players who went to Europe were European, but some notable Canadian names went overseas back then including Vincent Lecavalier (Ak Bars Kazan in Russia), Joe Thornton and Rick Nash (both HC Davos, Switzerland).

lockout dragged on.

"If the lockout is announced for the entire season, then Crosby may come," Malkin told



Sidney Crosby's agent says the superstar centre "just wants to play hockey" and would possibly take his talents to Europe. PAUL BERESWILL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Canada's Huot back on top with world-record time

**Paralympics.** Swimmer from Montreal wins ninth career gold, but first since 2004

The moment he touched the wall, Benoit Huot released the emotions that had built over the last four years.

When competitors started eclipsing him in Paralympic swimming in 2008, Huot refused to concede his race was run. The Montreal athlete re-dedicated himself to his sport.

Huot won Canada's first medal of the 2012 Paralympic Games with an exclama-

### Silver Summer

- Summer Mortimer of Ancaster, Ont., earned silver in the women's 200 I.M., so Canada finished the first day of competition with two medals.

- Mortimer and Benoit Huot race in the S10 classification

which is defined as minimal physical impairment. They both have clubbed feet.

- The Canadian team's objective is top eight in the gold-medal count. The country was seventh in Beijing with 19 gold.

tion mark. The 28-year-old captured gold in the 200 individual medley and broke his own world record Thursday.

Huot leaned back in the water and looked up with a face etched in joy and relief following his race. During his post-race interviews, when Princes Astrid of Belgium

hung the medal around his neck and while O Canada played, Huot would erupt in tears.

It was Huot's ninth career gold medal, but first since 2004 when he dominated the Paralympics in Athens with five victories. Expecting another run of gold in 2008, Huot did not step on the top of the podium in Beijing. Instead, he returned to Canada with four bronze.

Huot had set a world record in the 200 I.M. at trials in March in Montreal. He lowered it by a quarter of a second Thursday to two minutes 10.01 seconds.

Huot beat his chief rivals Andre Brasil of Brazil and Rick Pendleton of Australia by more than a body length. Brasil took the pace out hard in butterfly, but Huot reeled the Brazilian in and passed him on the breaststroke leg.

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### Soccer

#### Canada sets roster for cup qualifiers

Canada's men's soccer team coach Stephen Hart chose experience over youth for the next World Cup qualifiers.

Hart unveiled a veteran-laden roster Thursday for Canada's upcoming World Cup-qualifying series against Panama. All players listed have experience in World Cup qualifiers.

"I tried as much as possible to go with the players that are playing (with their club teams) and look to where we may need the most reinforcement and just go from there," said Hart on a conference call with reporters.

Canada opens a two-game, total-goals series against Panama at BMO Field in Toronto on Sept. 7. The return match takes place in Panama City on Sept. 11. THE CANADIAN PRESS



#### Pre-season party in Green Bay

Packers running back Alex Green celebrates with fans after rushing for a touchdown in a 24-3 pre-season win over the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday. Thirteen games were on tap as teams got their final chances to tune up before the regular season begins on Wednesday with a clash between the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants. MORRY GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Messam back from the mend

## Northern touchdown.

Running back Jerome Messam returns to practice field with Edmonton Eskimos

It was an emotional return for Jerome Messam.

There were plenty of handshakes and welcome-back hugs all around as the six-foot-four, 248-pound tailback returned to the Edmonton Eskimos on Thursday after being released Saturday by the NFL's Miami Dolphins.

Messam had 10 days following his release from Miami to sign with another team south of the border but opted to return early to the CFL club. And while his agent remains in talks with Edmonton about a contract extension, the league's top Canadian last season took to the practice field Thursday and declared he's ready to resume his pro career in Canada.

"I want to play Monday," said Messam, referring to the Eskimos' next game in Calgary. "I feel like I'm ready, physically ready."

"My body feels great, my knee feels good. It was a gruelling off-season (in Miami), I went through



Jerome Messam takes the field in Edmonton last October. IAN JACKSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

training like I never did before so I feel I'm in the best shape of my life."

"But as far as getting back into the swing of things, being comfortable with the offence, my protection responsibilities and

all that stuff, if not this week definitely be next week."

Messam enjoyed a breakout 2011 campaign with Edmonton, rushing for 1,057 yards to be named the CFL's outstanding Canadian.

Messam's arrival creates a logjam at tailback for Edmonton, which already has Hugh Charles and newcomer Cory Boyd to go with versatile Canadian Calvin McCarty.

However, head coach

## Game plan

**"I want to play I Monday. I feel like I'm ready, physically ready."**

**Jerome Messam**  
Referring to the Eskimos' upcoming game in Calgary

Kavis Reed didn't sound like he was ready give Messam a roster spot for Edmonton's Labour Day showdown against arch-rival Calgary.

"Jerome is going to have to reintegrate himself into our system, work his way back in," Reed said. "We have every intention of giving him the opportunity to work his way back into the fold, but right now we're going to focus on Hugh Charles and Cory Boyd as our guys."

"We've already built our gameplan and Jerome wasn't a part of that gameplan so we're going to see if he's able to work in. If he wows us at practice, if he's that guy who picks up where he left off prior to the knee injury last year, that's a consideration. But right now Hugh Charles and Cory Boyd are the guys."

Reed wants to make sure Messam is game ready. He said although Messam was in the Miami camp

## In knee-d of a break

### History of injury

- The 27-year-old Toronto native, who grew up in Brampton, Ont., suffered a torn meniscus cartilage in his knee in the West Division semifinal.

- He had surgery in Edmonton and an additional operation in Miami, where he got only limited playing time.

- "When I got there I was coming off the injury," Messam said after assuming his spot in Edmonton's dressing room. "I was practising so quick and going to hard I had to have another surgery while I was down there and didn't really get to do too much where they could evaluate me."

he didn't get significant reps or enough work to get his cardio into game condition.

"The secondary part is he hasn't played football for almost a calendar year so there's a lot of things we need to look at," Reed said.

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# Working for the weekend



## CFL EXTRA POINTS

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Tillman gets one right in Edmonton; Buono steps out of line in B.C.; Protection could be on the way for Argos' Ray and other musings ahead of CFL Labour Day Weekend clashes

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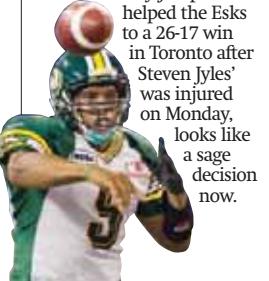


## Buono's tangent hypocritical

As the CFL's elder statesman, Wally Buono is constantly asked for his opinion on league matters but the Lions GM should sometimes bite his tongue. This week Buono tee'd off on Winnipeg's handling of the Paul LaPolice firing, something Buono would certainly resent if it was his organization that was under fire.

## Ring one up for GM Tillman

We've spent plenty of time trashing Esk GM Eric Tillman for trading away QB Ricky Ray in the off-season, but not all his moves were lame. Tillman's signing of 38-year-old backup QB Kerry Joseph, who helped the Eskimos to a 26-17 win in Toronto after Steven Jyles' was injured on Monday, looks like a sage decision now.



## Labour Day losers

The CFL schedule makers could use a little imagination. Calgary always host the Eskimos on Labour Day weekend, with the rematch the following Friday in Edmonton, but then things get weird. The Stamps and Eskimos meet two more times in the season's final eight weeks, but why not throw in an early season matchup between the rivals and a late-season game to avoid the deja vu?

## Ray should get a pass ... for now

Blame Ricky Ray all you want for a 4-4 record and last week's loss to Edmonton in which he threw two picks, but pass protection has become an issue in Toronto. The Argos must hope the signing of offensive lineman Joel Reinders, a top pick in the 2010 Canadian Draft, should eventually help in that area.



## All is not lost in Saskatchewan

The gnashing of teeth in Saskatchewan is understandable during a five-game skid, their longest slump since 2005. Worse yet, the 3-5 Riders must go 6-3 from here on to post a .500 record, which won't guarantee a playoff spot. Yet the team is improving (slowly) and signing LBs Joe Lobendahn and Diamond Ferri this week will only make them better.

## Burke walks into good situation

Most CFL insiders hate the Paul LaPolice firing, pictured, but the timing is excellent for new head coach Tim Burke. The Bombers should have fragile QB Buck Pierce back next week and back-to-back games against the sliding Roughriders give Burke the best chance to turn around a ghastly situation in the 'Peg.





**Horoscopes****Aries****March 21 - April 20**

No matter what other people might say, they can only hurt you if you let them. Someone will go out of their way to criticize you today. Ignore them. Take no notice of anyone's opinions but your own.

**Taurus****April 21 - May 21**

Try not to make any rash decisions today, especially if they are likely to affect other people as well as yourself. What is good for you may not be good for a friend or a colleague — or anyone else.

**Gemini****May 22 - June 21**

Today, under no circumstances should you resort to questionable tactics. Common sense should tell you that sticking to the rules is good business — and if common sense doesn't tell you, the full moon will find a more hurtful way.

**Cancer****June 22 - July 23**

Full moons are never easy to deal with but this one won't damage you too badly. The most important thing is that you find something of a positive nature to focus on and channel your energy into.

**Leo****July 24 - Aug. 23**

Something that has been bugging you for ages will reach crisis point over the next 24 hours. However, if it involves money, property or investments, you are advised to get expert advice before acting in any way.

**Virgo****Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

You must not let today's full moon in your opposite sign of Pisces get you down. No matter what happens, there is no reason why you cannot work things out to your benefit. Loved ones need you to be strong.

**Libra****Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

It may get a bit much this weekend and you may well decide to just let fate take its course. That's good. Sometimes it is best to not try too hard. And sometimes it is best to not try at all.

**Scorpio****Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

You are not the sort to resist saying something controversial just because it might hurt other people's feelings, and you'll have plenty to say for yourself today. It might surprise you though how angrily others respond.

**Sagittarius****Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

You are at a crossroads and have to decide which turning to take. Before you make that decision, you would be wise to think of your own needs. Don't give up on something simply because others do not approve.

**Capricorn****Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Bite your tongue and keep your thoughts to yourself. It may not be easy but if you want the space and the peace you need to complete what you are working on, you must not be critical or sarcastic — for now.

**Aquarius****Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

This is precisely the wrong time to gamble with what you own and earn. Today's full moon warns you won't know for sure which way the wind is blowing until the early part of next week, so hold fire.

**Pisces****Feb. 20 - March 20**

A full moon in your birth sign means that even if you are the most laid-back Pisces who ever lived you will still be rather emotional today. Scream and shout if you have to — you'll feel better for it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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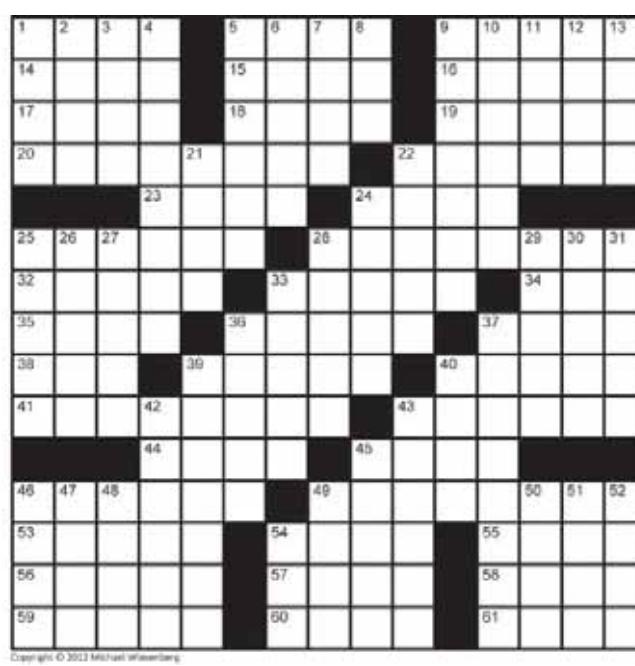
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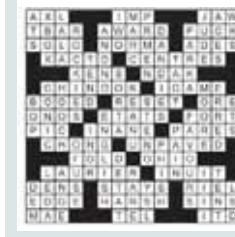
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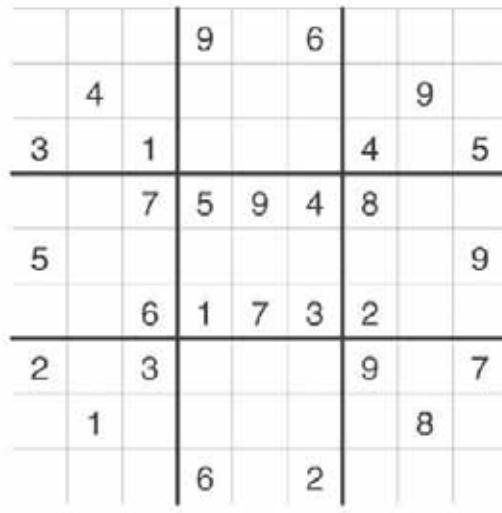
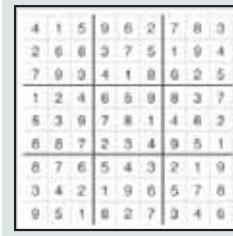
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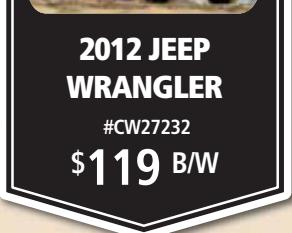
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